

## Lead Informational Notice

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Dear Water Customer:

**Today's Date:** 10/10/2025

Our water system will soon begin a water line maintenance and/or construction project that may affect the lead content of your potable water supply. Lead, a metal found in natural deposits, is harmful to human health. The most common exposure to lead is through swallowing or breathing in lead paint chips and dust. However, lead in drinking water can also be a source of lead exposure. In the past, lead was used in some water service lines and household plumbing materials. Lead in water usually occurs through corrosion of plumbing products containing lead; however, disruption (construction or maintenance) of lead service lines may also temporarily increase lead levels in the water supply. This disruption may be sometimes caused by water main maintenance/replacement. As of June 19, 1986, new or replaced water service lines and new household plumbing materials could not contain more than 8% lead. Lead content was further reduced on January 4, 2014, and plumbing materials must now be certified as "lead-free" (weighted average of wetted surface cannot be more than 0.25% lead).

This notice is for informational purposes only. While it is not known for certain that this particular project will adversely affect the lead (if present) plumbing inside and/or outside of your home, the information below describes the project, as well as steps you can take to reduce any potential lead in your drinking water.

**Project Start Date:** 10/19/2025      **Expected Project End Date:** 10/24/2025

**Project Location and Description:**      HYDRANT FLUSHING

#### **What you can do to reduce potential lead exposure in drinking water during this project:**

- *Run your cold water to flush out lead.* If the plumbing line in your home is accessible, you may be able to inspect your own plumbing to determine whether or not you have a lead service line. Otherwise, you will most likely have to hire a plumber.
  - If you *do not* have a lead service line, running the cold water for 1-2 minutes at the kitchen tap should clear the lead from your household plumbing to the kitchen tap. Once you have done this, fill a container with water and store it in the refrigerator for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula throughout the day.
  - If you *do* have a lead service line, flushing times can vary based on the length of your lead service line and the plumbing configuration in your home. The length of lead service lines varies considerably. Flushing for at least 3-5 minutes is recommended.
- *Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.* Do not cook with, make baby formula or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
- *Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.* You may wish to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter that is certified to remove "total lead."
- *Clean and remove any debris from faucet aerators on a regular basis.*
- *Do not boil water to remove lead.* Boiling water will not reduce lead.
- *Purchase lead-free faucets and plumbing components.*
- *Remove the entire lead service line.*
- *Test your water for lead.* The City of Monticello does not test water for lead, but contact information for an independent laboratory used by the city for water testing is provided below. The laboratory will send you a bottle for sample collection. Please note that laboratories will charge you a fee for lead testing. If tests indicate a lead level above 15 ug/L, it is recommended that pregnant women, breast-feeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants use bottled water instead.