

Lead Information

The Construction activities (i.e. LSL replacement, main replacement project) may cause changes in water quality, including the possibility of a temporary increase in lead levels in the drinking water. As a precaution during these activities, the City of Conneaut is offering water filters which are certified to remove lead. To obtain a filter call the Water Filtration Plant at 440-593-7437. Manufacturer's instruction on how to properly use the filter, including when the filter should be changed are included with the filter and should be read prior to use.

When water service is restored, perform a full-house flush by letting the cold water run on all the taps in your house run for 30 minutes to flush out any lead and/or sediment from your line. Then begin using your water filters certified to remove lead for all water used for drinking and cooking.

As a standard practice, the USEPA recommends the following actions to reduce possible lead exposure in drinking water:

If water has not been used for several hours, run the tap until there is a noticeable temperature drop. Then, run water for 30 seconds to 3 minutes before using it for drinking and cooking. This helps flush out water that may have contained lead that may have been leached from plumbing.

Use cold water for cooking, drinking, and preparing baby formula. Boiling the water will not reduce lead.

Clean your faucet aerator regularly. Small particles of solder and other material can accumulate in faucet aerators and can release lead into the water in some circumstances. Cleaning the accumulated particles from the aerator will help eliminate this potential source of lead.

Identify if your plumbing fixtures contain lead and consider replacing them when appropriate.

For more information about lead in drinking water, please contact The City of Conneaut Water Department at 440-593-7437, or visit the USEPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead, or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD.