

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

In recent weeks, water quality issues related to lead in drinking water have dominated national headlines. Perhaps you are concerned if similar circumstances could be present in your water system?

We want to share the following information with you as it relates to our water supply. The recent water utility crisis has not only raised awareness of the complex technical expertise required in the management of water resources, but likewise validates the critically important role water utilities play in ensuring public health protection. We take our responsibility to provide clean, safe drinking water very seriously and believe no one should ever have to question the safety of water from the tap.



- ⇒ The water we deliver is in full compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule, which sets standards for sampling for lead in drinking water. Test results continue to demonstrate we are in compliance with federal and state regulations concerning lead and copper.
- ⇒ Our company conducts extensive water quality testing at our sources and within the distribution system. Our licensed Utility Operators carefully monitor our water treatment processes to make sure drinking water received by our customers 24/7, 365 days a year meets or exceeds state and federal primary standards for drinking water quality.
- ⇒ In coordination with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection we've developed an optimum corrosion control strategy to further protect customers from the potential of lead entering their drinking water as a result of any lead plumbing fixtures that may still be present in their homes.
- ⇒ Documentation of our water quality results are regularly provided to State health officials.
- ⇒ Information about our water quality, including lead testing, is readily available in our Annual Water Quality Report posted on our website under Customer Care at:  
<http://middlesexwater.com/waterquality/usapa>

**Q. How does lead get into the water in a customer's home?**

A. Lead typically enters drinking water as a result of corrosion, or wearing away, of materials in household plumbing containing lead. These materials include lead-based solder that in the past had been used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome-plated brass faucets, and in some cases, the service line that connects your house to the water main, if the pipe is made of lead.

**Q. What can you do if you are concerned about lead in your internal plumbing?**

A. To learn more visit the Center for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm> about steps you can take to reduce your risk of consuming lead from drinking water.

We encourage our customers to learn more about their water service so they can have every confidence in their water supply as well as join with us in protecting water resources for future generations.



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