OKLAHOMA DRINKING WATER

LEAD TESTING

IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE FACILITIES

Understanding The Results

To view results for participating schools and childcare facilities, click here: **Lead Testing Results**

How to Read the Results

Less than 1.0 µg/L
Lead Below Reportable Limit
No Action Recommended

1.0—14.9 µg/L
Lead Detected
Action Recommended

15.0 µg/L or More
Lead Detected
Immediate Action Recommended

1.0 µg/L — 15.0 µg/L

µg/L = ppb (parts per billion)

The Lead Action Level in Drinking Water

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set the Lead Action Level in Drinking Water at 15.0 µg/L, which means EPA recommends immediate remediation of any fixture with lead detected above 15.0 µg/L.

For any result that exceeds EPA's action level, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recommends the facility immediately mark the fixture "out of order" and make it inaccessible. Remediation actions will be documented, and after completion, DEQ will resample to confirm the action successfully lowered the amount of lead detected.

What Can Be Done at Home?

- Test your home water for lead. For more information, please contact DEQ State Environmental Laboratory at 405-702-1000 or **selsd@deq.ok.gov**.
- Determine if your home has a lead service line by contacting a licensed plumber. This is of minimal concern for homes built after 1986.
- Run water for at least 30 seconds from the tap before drinking, cooking, or making baby formula.
- Use water from the cold tap for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Note: Boiling does not remove lead from water.
- Use a filter certified to remove lead, and remember when to replace it. A list of certified filters can be found here: **NSF Certified Product Listings for Lead Reduction**

If you are concerned about your child's exposure to lead, you may request a blood level test from your primary care physician.

Are There Other Sources of Lead?

Yes! The most common sources of lead exposure for children are deteriorated lead paint chips and particles.

For more information on sources of lead, health effects, and what you can do, please click here: **EPA Information about Lead in Drinking Water**

For more information on DEQ's program click here:
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