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**This notice contains important information about your water service and may affect your rights. We encourage you to have this notice translated in full into a language you understand and before you make any decisions that may be required under this notice.**

Diese Mitteilung beinhaltet wichtige Informationen über Ihre Wasserversorgung und könnte Ihre Rechte beeinflussen. Wir bitten Sie, dass Sie diese Mitteilung vollständig in eine Sprache übersetzen lassen, die Sie verstehen, bevor Sie eventuelle Entscheidungen treffen, welche im Zusammenhang mit dieser Benachrichtigung erforderlich sind.

Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa iyong serbisyo sa tubig at maaaring makaapekto sa iyong mga karapatan. Hinihikayat namin kayo na isalin nang buo ang abisong ito sa wikang naaintindihan ninyo at bago kayo gumawa ng anumang mga desisyon na maaaring kailanganin sa abisong ito.

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Niniejsze zawiadomienie zawiera ważne informacje na temat Państwa przyłącza wodociągowego i może mieć wpływ na Państwa prawa. Przed podjęciem jakichkolwiek decyzji, które mogą być wymagane na mocy niniejszego zawiadomienia, zachęcamy Państwa do przetłumaczenia całości niniejszego zawiadomienia na język, który będzie dla Państwa zrozumiałym.

يحتوي هذا الإشعار على معلومات مهمة حول خدمة المياه لديك، وقد يؤثر على حقوقك. قبل اتخاذ أي قرارات قد تكون مطلوبة بموجب هذا الإشعار فإننا نشجعك على ترجمته بالكامل إلى لغة تفهمها.

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Este aviso contiene información importante sobre su servicio de agua y puede afectar sus derechos. Lo animamos a que traduzca este aviso a un idioma que comprenda antes de tomar cualquier decisión que pueda ser necesaria en virtud del mismo.

이 통지서에는 귀하의 권리에 영향을 미칠 수 있는 수도 서비스에 관한 중요한 정보가 제시되어 있습니다. 이 통지서에서 요구하는 결정을 내리기 전에 이 통지서를 귀하가 이해할 수 있는 언어로 번역하시기 바랍니다.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Community Water System (CWS) has determined that your property could be serviced by a lead, galvanized or unknown water pipe. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children 6 years and younger. Please read this notice closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

The CWS provides water that protects our residents from lead leaching into our water system. **The CWS has not had a recent violation for lead levels.** However, proper maintenance of the system to prevent the leaching of lead costs time, energy, and money. There is also the potential that something might go wrong and people with lead service lines would be exposed to lead in their drinking water.

### Health Effects of Lead

**It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones and can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.**

### Sources of Lead

The source of water from Lake Michigan does not contain lead. When water is in contact with service lines or plumbing that contains lead for several hours, the lead may enter drinking water. Homes built before the 1960s in our community are more likely to have lead service lines and lead in solder and plumbing fixtures. Don't forget, most lead exposure is still from small children ingesting lead paint, dust, and soil. In addition, lead can be found in certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, and cosmetics. Other sources include exposure in the workplace and exposure from certain hobbies (lead can be carried on clothing or shoes). Lead is found in some toys, some playground equipment, and some children's metal jewelry. Wash your children's hands and toys often as they can come into contact with dirt and dust containing lead.

### Steps That You Can Take to Reduce Your Exposure to Lead in Your Drinking Water

1. *Run your water to flush out lead.*
  - a. If the plumbing in your home is accessible, you may be able to inspect your own plumbing to determine whether you have a lead service line. Otherwise, you will most likely have to hire a plumber, or allow the Village to inspect your water line.
  - b. If you do not have a lead service line, running the 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.
  - c. 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.
  - d. The following flushing guidelines are recommended by the American Water Works Association after a lead service line is replaced:
    - i. Find all the faucets that will drain, including the basement and all floors in your house.
    - ii. Remove aerators and screens whenever possible, including the shower heads, from all faucets you plan to flush.



- iii. Include the laundry tubs, hose-bibs, bathtubs, and showers as flushing points.
- iv. After all the aerators are off, open the faucets in the basement or lowest floor in the house. Leave all faucets running at the highest rate possible, using cold water.
- v. After the faucets are all open on the lowest floor, open the faucets on next highest floor of the house. Continue until faucets are open on all floors.
- vi. After all faucets are opened, leave the water running for at least 30 minutes.
- vii. After 30 minutes, turn off the first faucet you opened and continue to turn off other faucets in the same order you turned them on.
- viii. Clean aerators/screens at each faucet. You may need to replace screens/aerators if they are too old or worn.
2. *Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.*
  - a. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap, lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
  - b. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
3. *Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.*
  - a. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water; or
  - b. Purchase a water filter that is certified to remove "total lead". The filter should be NSF 53 and NSF 42 certified.
4. *Clean and remove any debris from faucet aerators* on a regular basis.
5. *Do not boil water to remove lead.* Boiling water will not reduce lead.
6. *Purchase lead free faucets and plumbing components.*
7. *Remove the entire lead service line.*
  - a. *As part of the separate Lead Service Line Replacement program, should you agree to participate, the Village will replace your lead service line from the water main to the meter inside your home.*
8. *Test your water for lead.*
  - a. Call us at: 708-389-9658 to find out how to get your water tested for lead. While we do not do the testing, we can provide a list of laboratories certified to do the testing. Laboratories will send you the bottles for sample collection. ***Please note that we are not affiliated with the laboratories, and they will charge you a fee.***
  - If test results indicate a lead level above 15 ug/L, bottled water should be used by pregnant women, breast- feeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants.
  - b. Approximately one month after service line replacement, testing is recommended. The sample should be a first-draw sample after water has not been used for at least 6 hours. The sample must be collected from a tap used frequently inside the home, preferably from the kitchen.
  - c. As a precaution, until the sample is collected and analyzed, the customer is recommended to do a mini-flush of premise plumbing by running tap water each morning or when the water sits in the pipe for at least 6 hours. Flush for 5 minutes to displace water that has been sitting in the pipes inside the house and in the service line. This could include taking a shower, running the dishwasher, flushing a toilet, collecting water for plants/garden, or running the faucet. The customer should do this before using any water for drinking, cooking, infant formula, and so on. Daily Mini flushes should continue for six months or until lead sample results show the lead level is below the regulatory guideline. The customer should clean debris from aerators and screens once a month for six months. After six months, clean debris twice a year.

**For more information call us at (708) 389-9685 or visit our website at ([www.villageofmidlothian.net](http://www.villageofmidlothian.net)). For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or contact your health care provider.**

Thank you for reading this notice, and we hope to hear from you soon.