

4. Test your water for lead

Call TEST, Inc. at 815-224-1650 to find out how to get your water tested for lead.

5. Get your child's blood tested

Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead, if you are concerned about exposure.

6. Look for alternative sources or treatment of water

You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce lead or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance standards for water filters. Be sure to maintain and replace a filter device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to protect water quality.

Service Line Information

For more information about your community's service line inventory to determine if your service line contains lead, visit <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/drinking-water/public-water-usa/s/lead-service-line-information.html> or contact us at (815) 699-2631 or via email at villageofwyanet@comcast.net. The village will replace the system side service line if a customer replaces their property owner side service line.

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

This exceedance occurred between January and June of 2026. The Village of Wyanet was notified of these exceedances in July of 2026.

The Village of Wyanet and IEPA will be conducting further investigations by sampling for Lead and Copper throughout the distribution system. If results indicate a Lead exceedance, a Corrosion Control treatment will be installed to ensure safe drinking water.

For a guide to help you determine if the service line into your home is lead please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead-0>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call us at (815) 699-2631 or contact us via email at villageofwyanet@comcast.net.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, or contact your health care provider.

Lead in Drinking Water

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The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Village of Wyanet are concerned about lead in your drinking water. Although most homes have very low levels of lead in their drinking water, some homes in the community have lead levels above the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb), or 0.015 milligrams of lead per liter of water (mg/L). Under Federal law we are required to have a program in place to minimize lead in your drinking water if, after further investigation, lead results in your water district display lead levels above 15 ppb.

This program includes:

1. Public education content
2. Corrosion control treatment (treating the water to make it less likely that lead will dissolve into the water)
3. Source water treatment (removing any lead that is in the water at the time it leaves our treatment facility) This brochure also explains the simple steps you can take to protect yourself by reducing your exposure to lead in drinking water.

Important Information about Lead in Your

Drinking Water

The Village of Wyanet found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this information closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD

Health Effects of Lead. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new/learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

SOURCES OF LEAD

Lead is a common metal found in the environment. Drinking water is one possible source of lead exposure. The main sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or soil, and some plumbing materials. In addition, lead can be found in certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, and cosmetics. Other sources include exposure in the work place 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.

Brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free," may contribute lead to drinking water. The law currently allows end-use brass fixtures, such as faucets, with up to 0.25 percent wetted surface lead to be labeled as "lead-free."

When water is in contact with pipes, and plumbing containing lead for several hours, the lead may enter drinking water.

Don't forget about other sources of lead such as lead paint, lead dust, and lead in soil. Wash your children's hands and toys often as they can come into contact with dirt and dust containing lead.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN YOUR WATER

1. Run your water to flush out lead
Run water from the cold water tap for 15-30 seconds to flush lead from interior plumbing or until it becomes cold and reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking, if it hasn't been used for several hours.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula

Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap. Also, do not boil water from the hot water tap, as hot water can dissolve lead more quickly than cold water. Rather, if you need hot water, draw water from the cold tap and heat it on the stove. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.

3. Identify and replace plumbing fixtures containing lead

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