

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the Bloomfield Water Department (NJ0702001)

Our water system violated drinking water requirements **five years ago**. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the monitoring periods of **January to June 2019** and July to **December 2019**, we were unable to provide the sufficient amount of Tier 1 lead samples although we did provide and exceed the necessary amount of complainant lead samples. A minimum of 60 samples were required while the township provided 68 and 65 samples, respectively.

Please note that during this time period, 2019, the Township was involved in a lead crisis caused by overly corrosive water provided by our supplier, the City of Newark. At that time, all necessary public notices, mailings, public hearings and other measures were performed by the Bloomfield Water Department, thereby properly notifying our residents of the situation as required by EPA regulations. Additionally, at that time, the Bloomfield Water Department, through our Health Department provided water filters, certified to remove lead to any resident who requested one. We also provided free lead sampling to any resident who requested one.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time, **this situation occurred five years ago**. Since that time, beginning in July of 2019, the Bloomfield Water Department has not exceeded the 90 percentile lead action level of 15 parts per billion. As of the last monitoring period, our 90th percentile for lead was 3 parts per billion.

If you receive a mailer over the next several months requesting a lead sample from your residence, please consider providing a sample so that we avoid having to provide a notice such as this one in the future. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for total coliform, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken if applicable.

Analyte	Required sampling frequency or sample period	Number of samples taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples were taken
LEAD	JANUARY TO JUNE 2019	68 (INSUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF TIER 1 SAMPLES)	N/A	N/A
	JULY TO DECEMBER 2019	65 (INSUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF TIER 1 SAMPLES)		

What is being done?

We continue to monitor for lead in our water in accordance with EPA Regulations. Additionally, the Township has an ongoing lead service line removal program to eliminate all lead service connections by 2031 in accordance with NJDEP requirements.

For more information, please contact Paul D. Lasek at 973-680-4009 or via email at engineering@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by The Bloomfield Water Department, Water System ID#: NJ 0702001

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