

IS THERE LEAD IN MY WATER?

The City of Yorkton, Environmental Services Department, follows strict monitoring procedures to ensure our water is safe. City water is virtually lead free. The lead level content within the distribution system is 100 times lower than the Health Canada limit.

As part of our Permit to Operate our water quality tests are reviewed regularly by the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency. There is an annual Consumer Report posted on the City website that reports on our water quality:

<http://www.yorkton.ca/dept/pweng/waterworks/water/pdf/2019Cons.Report.pdf>

There are no lead water mains in City owned infrastructure, and less than 4% of residential and commercial service connections are lead. Typically, lead in drinking water comes from contact with service connections containing lead or lead in household plumbing fixtures. **The City has been proactively working with property owners to replace lead service connections when major infrastructure repairs are being done in the area. The City also has a Lead Service Replacement Program in place along with a financing program for homeowners.**

IF YOU HAVE A LEAD CONNECTION YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE BY:

- Running your tap for approximately 5 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking if your water has not been used for at least 6 hours. This water does not need to be wasted, it is safe for cleaning or watering plants.
- Install a certified water filter. On the package, look for a stamp indicating “NSF-053” and a statement that indicates the filter is certified for lead removal. These filters can reduce up to 99% of lead in water.
- Remove and clean your tap aerating screen. Calcium carbonate can build up on the screen and absorb lead. Remove it and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Modernize the plumbing in your home. Consider replacing pipes containing older lead solder and brass fittings with materials certified for contact with drinking water. A licensed plumber can determine if your home has a lead service connection, and whether the home contains lead solder, pipe or pipe fittings.