



CITY OF FORNEY

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY & WATER



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Forney Water Contains High Levels of Lead and/or Copper

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

The list below has the corrosion control treatment actions which we did not complete, or properly complete, within the required time allowed by drinking water regulations.

- Failed to submit recommendations for optimal corrosion control treatment
- Failed to submit recommendations for source water treatment of lead and copper

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead and/or copper:

- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead and copper.
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead, lead solder, or copper.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing lead and copper from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead and copper dissolves more easily into hot water.
- **Do not boil your water to remove lead and copper.** Excessive boiling water makes the lead and copper more concentrated – the lead and copper remains when the water evaporates.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified **within 24 hours**. Typically, lead and copper enters water supplies by leaching from lead, copper or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason. **However**, many older homes may contain lead pipes. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in/or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

**Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Children and adults who drink water containing copper in excess could experience stomach and intestinal distress as well as liver and/or kidney damage.*

Copper Health Effects: Short term exposure: Gastrointestinal distress, Long term exposure: Liver or kidney damage, People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor if the amount of copper in their water exceeds the action level. (See additional information below regarding health effects.)

What is being done?

We are taking additional samples in several areas of the City which are used to determine the correct corrosion control methods we **may need** to consider using. We have also recently conducted another sampling round for lead & copper to ensure that the water is safe for all residents. As the statement references in the prior section, only older homes are generally affected by high lead and/or copper.

Corrosion control, and necessary components, will be in place by October 1, 2019 IF the determination is made that this additional treatment step is warranted.

For more information, please contact Rick Sailer at 972-564-7343 or rsailer@cityofforney.org.

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