

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that Town of Darby is in violation for failure to properly operate optimal corrosion control treatment designated by the State due to a copper action level exceedance that occurred from lead and copper water sampling done in July of 2024

This is a treatment violation, but it does not mean there is Lead or Copper in your drinking water. However, it is important that we take measures to control Lead and Copper levels in the water.

What should I do?

- **Flush your water and inspect faucet aerators.** Run water for 15-30 seconds to flush stagnant water from interior plumbing. Flushing can be an effective method of reducing lead and copper in your drinking water. Routinely inspect, clean, or replace your faucets aerators. Aerators can collect debris which can reduce flow and decrease water quality.
- Until Lead and Copper results are received, its recommended that water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared using tap water. Filtered or bottled water should be used.
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, or letting water stand does not reduce the Lead or Copper levels. Excessive boiling can make the Lead and Copper more concentrated because Lead and Copper remain behind when the water evaporates.

Health Concerns

Copper: Copper is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years may suffer liver and/or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.

Lead: 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.

What happened? What is being done?

The Town of Darby will be working on adjusting their existing corrosion control treatment system that is currently in operation to minimize lead and copper concentrations in the drinking water

The Town of Darby will also be collecting Lead and Copper samples in the distribution system to ensure lead and copper concentrations are below action levels.

For more information, please contact Town Hall at 406-821-3753 or n/a
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.

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