



PROTECT YOUR TAP

a quick check for lead



Lead in Drinking Water: Partnering to Find Lead Pipes

Lead in drinking water can be a serious health risk. Do you know what the pipes bringing water into your home are made of? Many cities and towns do not know where service lines with lead are located. Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead was created in partnership with representatives from state and municipal governments, water utilities, and community groups to address this problem. This online step-by-step guide will help you identify if you have a lead service line and what steps you can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.

Lead in homes can also come from sources other than water. If you live in a home built before 1978, you may want to have your paint tested for lead. Consider contacting your family doctor or pediatrician if you are concerned about lead exposure.

The *Protect Your Tap* online guide:

- Uses a step-by-step method to identify lead pipes and other lead sources in drinking water.
- Is accessible on handheld devices such as phones or tablets, allowing you to make a visual comparison.
- Recommends checking with your water utility about the pipes bringing water into your home.
- Recommends having your water tested by a certified lab.
- Provides resources about removing lead pipes and reducing exposure to lead in drinking water.



With this guide, you can do 1, 2 or all 3:

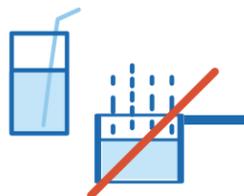
1. Use Tips to Reduce Lead Exposure in Drinking Water



If you suspect a lead line, run water at a high volume tap. Everyone should run their kitchen tap to flush the line.



Consider using a water filter certified to remove lead. Know when to replace the filter.



Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead.



Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as aerator).

2. Locate Drinking Water Pipes



3. Find a Certified Lab to Test Drinking Water

LABORATORY NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	WEBSITE
ABSOLUTE RESOURCE ASSOCIATES LLC	888-646-0261	124 HERITAGE AVENUE	PORTSMOUTH	NH	WWW.ABSOLUTERESOURCEASSOCIATES.COM
ADAM TEST ASSOCIATES LABORATORIES	800-526-6882	300 W. 10TH STREET	EAST GREENSBORO	NC	WWW.ADTTEST.COM
ADAMSON ANALYTICAL INC.	800-228-2828	30 CENTRAL DRIVE	LINDSEY	NY	WWW.ADAMSON.COM
ADAMSON INC.	800-878-4881	50 STINA ROAD	LEWISTON	NH	WWW.ADAMSON.COM
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ADVANCED ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	800-942-3888	12 WINDSOR ROAD, SUITE 1	DEER	NH	WWW.ADVANCEDANALYTICAL.COM
ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	800-748-0284	3 MAIN STREET	MANCHESTER	NH	WWW.ADVANCEDENVIRONMENTALLABORATORIES.COM
ADVANCED ANALYTICAL LLC	800-842-0282	900 INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE	MANCHESTER	NH	WWW.ADVANCEDANALYTICAL.COM
ADVANCED ANALYTICAL LLC	800-867-8476	100 YORK STREET	ROXBOROUGH	NH	WWW.ADVANCEDANALYTICAL.COM
ADVANCED PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES	800-275-4400	20 WILSON DRIVE	CONCORD	NH	WWW.ADVANCEDPUBLICHEALTHLABORATORIES.COM
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ADVANCED ANALYTICAL SERVICES	800-888-1847	10015 US 8 TO PARKSIDE ROAD	LEE	NH	WWW.ADVANCEDANALYTICAL.COM
ADVANCED LABORATORY	800-875-2442	117 ELM STREET	MALDEN	MA	WWW.ADVANCEDLABORATORY.COM
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