

## Frequently Asked Question

**“I’ve read a lot lately about the dangers of lead in drinking water. Is this something I need to be concerned about with CWA’s drinking water?”**



## YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Chester Water Authority is dedicated and committed to providing clean quality water to our customers and want to inform you of some of the facts regarding this topic:

### Facts:

- The Chester Water Authority has no lead water mains in its extensive system of over 672 miles of mains.
- CWA's water treatment plant is in compliance with all regulations established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) which address lead in water.
- Testing your water for lead is done by a certified independent environmental laboratory. CWA cannot perform the testing.
- Individuals can test their home plumbing for lead by purchasing a lead test kit at a local home improvement store.
- Information about lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure to lead in your water is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Lead is a toxic metal that was frequently used in paint (prior to 1978), water pipes, brass water faucets, and other plumbing fixtures. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), high levels of lead in drinking water can enter the bloodstream resulting in elevated blood lead levels which can have negative health effects especially in children.

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