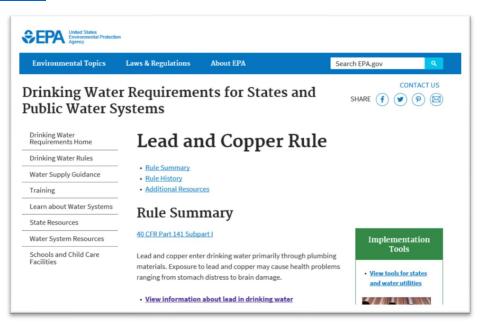


## Lead in Drinking Water - Resources Factsheet

## Federal: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resources

• EPA's webpage on the Lead and Copper Rule: <u>https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-</u>copper-rule



- EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Quick Reference Guide is a basic outline of the federal regulatory requirements, available at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-rule-quick-reference-guides">https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-rule-quick-reference-guides</a>.
- The factsheet, Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water, available at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-08/documents/epa\_lead\_in\_drinking\_water\_final\_8.21.17.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-08/documents/epa\_lead\_in\_drinking\_water\_final\_8.21.17.pdf</a>, helps visualize what the regulation is covering from the water system/utility lines to a home/property.
- This EPA webpage provides basic, introductory information on public water systems: <u>https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/information-about-public-water-systems</u>.
- EPA's online training system to address specific rule training needs is available at <a href="https://cfpub.epa.gov/epa">https://cfpub.epa.gov/epa</a> dwts/dsp welcome.cfm.
- The National Conference of State Legislatures website, <u>http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/lead-water-service-</u> <u>lines.aspx</u>, is an information hub for the nation because it outlines specific state information on lead, tailored to lead service lines.
  - Along with information on how California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and many more worked to combat lead in water, the website includes additional links to other helpful resources and organizations. Particular organizations of interest may include the Center for Disease Control, American Water Works Association, and the Environmental Defense Fund.

• EPA's databases and reports: <u>https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water/drinking-water-data-and-reports</u>.

State: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Resources

- To understand what a public water system is required to do, specifically in New Jersey, view the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience's Lead in Drinking Water – Public Water System Information webpage for this information at <u>https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-public.html.</u>
- Some of the important documents for the general public under 'Factsheets' may be, but are not limited to:
  - ✓ Materials Evaluation and Site Selection provides a description of the sample site categories and structure for public water systems' site identification;
  - ✓ Public Education (PE) Factsheet summarizes the educational component of the rule; and
  - ✓ Lead Service Line Replacement outlines the responsibilities for replacing lead service lines for a water system versus a property owner.
- Consumers and property owners can view the Lead in Drinking Water Consumer Information webpage: <u>https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-consumer.html</u>.

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Water Supply Home	Lead in Drinking Water		
Drinking Water Customers Drinking Water Systems	Lead is not normally found in drinking water at the source. Typically, lead gets into your drinking water from the service lines, plumbing and fixtures that contain lead. As a result of corrosion, lead and other metals from the pipes slowly dissolve into the water. Many factors affect the amount of lead that leaches into the water, including lead content of pipes, fixtures, and solder, along with water temperature, pH and hardness. Lead is associated with adverse health impacts even at low levels, particularly in infants and children.		
Wells  NJ Geological and Water Survey	Additional information is available at the following links:		
Water Allocation	CONSUMER (You are served by a community water system/are on "city water")		
General Information   Contact Us	SCHOOLS		
Open Public Records Act (OPRA)	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM (Community or Non-transient non-community)		
	EPA Lead and Copper Rule Implementation Info		
	Flush your pipes before drinking, and only use cold water for cooking and drinking. Anytime the water in a particular faucet has not been used for six hours or longer, flush your cold-water pipes by running the water until it becomes cold.		

• There is a separate Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document available to help the general public understand what the regulated community is required to do and the role of the customer: <u>https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pdf/newark-lead-faq.pdf</u>.

 New Jersey Drinking Water Watch is an online resource enabling users to view drinking water information for New Jersey water systems: <u>https://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/waterwatch</u>.

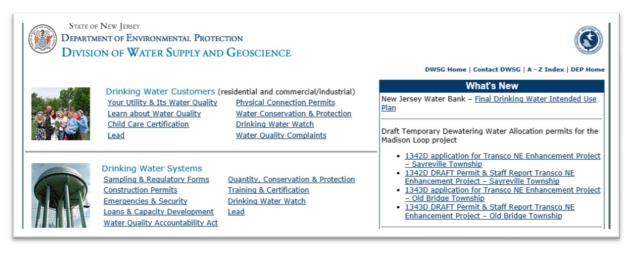
Here, customers can input their town and learn which water systems serve them. Along with viewing current violations, customers can view past violations.

DEP enables users to view drinking water information for or click on the link found at the bottom of the page.				
D or system name, you can use "%" as a wildcard in any fi camp smith, etc. You do not need to place text in all fields. Enter information into one of the then click SEARC	ne fields below			
Public Water System Identification Number (PWSID)	0102%, 1111001, %337 Typing the "NJ" is not needed.			
Water System Name	Atlantic%, %NJ%, %american%, etc.			
Water System Type	C: community NTNC: nontransient noncommunity NC: transient noncommunity			
Water System Status O ALL   Active O Initial Statements of the statement o	active			
Search Clear				
View water quality results by laboratory and/or by water system				
View a map of New Jersey counties				
Find out which water systems serve your town* Select a countyclick on a townclick the Search button				

• **DEP DataMiner** is an online resource for generating reports relating to compliance with regulations that can be used for this purpose: <u>https://www13.state.nj.us/DataMiner</u>. Note – there are no lead-specific reports currently generated by DataMiner, but it can be used to find information related to a water system's requirements for lead, e.g., violations, permit approvals.

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- Customers can refer to the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience's Public Water Quality Complaints webpage at <u>https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pwq-complaint.html</u> to report a complaint specific to drinking water.
- Customers can also directly contact their water system if they have any concerns pertaining to their water. If they do not have contact information for their water system, then information can be found using DEP's DataMiner's 'Search by Category' function and selecting 'Water Supply and Geoscience' option.
- The main page for the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience covers a wide variety of topics under the Drinking Water Systems header and the Drinking Water Customers header.
  - ✓ Topics of interest range from Lead, Water Quality Complaints, basic Water Quality information, and Useful Links.
  - ✓ Customers can also find the link to Drinking Water Watch here.
  - Customers may also want to keep an eye out for rotating news that appears in the *What's New* section of the homepage. As of the date of this publication, there are presentations listed at the bottom of the section which are helpful in understanding the regulations overall.



## State: Other New Jersey State Resources

Beyond the DEP, two other state agencies adopted regulations regarding testing for lead in drinking water:

- Department of Education (DOE), Board of Education (BOE) applicable to public schools throughout New Jersey. Those regulations can be found online at <u>https://www.state.nj.us/education/lead/</u>.
- Department of Children and Families applicable to child care centers served by a community water system in addition to those served by a non-community or non-public well. Information can be found online at <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/ol/">https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/ol/</a>.
- DEP has a crosswalk for regulations regarding lead sampling in schools and child care centers available online at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pdf/ntnc-school-crosswalk.pdf">https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pdf/ntnc-school-crosswalk.pdf</a>.

 The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), Division of Water, oversees the regulation of approximately 45 investor owned water and wastewater utilities. Some Division of Water initiatives include ensuring a safe and reliable water supply, sustainability of future growth, efforts to improve the efficient use of potable water and water reuse, just to name a few programs. BPU's Division of Water page can be found at <u>https://www.bpu.state.nj.us/bpu/about/divisions/water/</u>.