



## BANGOR WATER DISTRICT

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General Manager

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

Dear Customer,

I understand you may have questions or concerns about lead in drinking water. I'm writing to respond, and to let you know that all of us at Bangor Water share the goal of preventing lead exposure.

There is no lead in Floods Pond, our source of supply. Drinking water is lead-free when it leaves the treatment plant and flows through the distribution system. Bangor Water uses piping and materials that do not add lead to the water. Our system has no known lead service lines.

Lead can enter drinking water from contact with interior plumbing containing lead. Here are the common sources of lead in household water:

- Lead solder: Used to connect internal plumbing pipes
- Brass faucets, valves or fittings: Can contain up to eight percent lead prior to 2014

To comply with federal law, Bangor Water routinely collects water samples from household taps and tests these for lead. Federal law requires that at least 90 percent of the households tested have water below 15 parts per billion (ppb) lead. Testing has shown our water complies with federal lead standards.

Bangor Water understands that lead levels can vary among households. We want you to be informed about potential lead sources and ways to protect your family to reduce exposure. Here are some tips to reduce lead exposure in drinking water:

- When water has been sitting unused for several hours, you can minimize any potential lead exposure simply by flushing your cold water tap for 2 to 3 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking.
- You can reduce your potential exposure to lead by replacing components containing lead with "lead free" varieties.
- If you are pregnant or have children under six at home, you may want to consider using bottled or filtered water for drinking and cooking unless you have tested your water or know that your household plumbing is completely lead-free.
- If replacing household plumbing is not an option, many water filters are effective in removing lead. Be sure to check the label or contact the manufacturer to confirm the filter is certified for lead removal.
- If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested.
- For more information on lead or a list of certified laboratories for lead testing web our website: [www.bangorwater.org](http://www.bangorwater.org)

If you have any question or concerns, we encourage you to contact our Water Quality Manager, Jacob Spinney at 947-4516 x 220.

Sincerely,

Kathy Moriarty, General Manager