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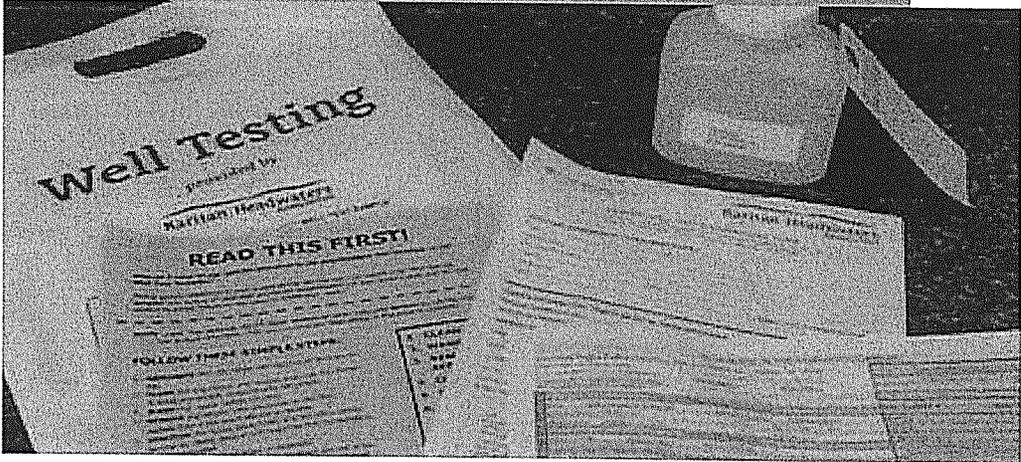
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It's Time to Get the Lead Out!

Could what happened in Flint, Michigan happen here?

Not as long as RHA is watchdog of the water supplies in the headwaters region - 39 municipalities within Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset counties. However, lead can still be present in tap water, usually coming from corrosion of older fixtures and pipes or from lead-based solder that connects pipes.

Why is it important to test your water for lead?

The EPA action level for lead in drinking water is 15 parts per billion. Anything above that level can cause damage to the brain, nervous system and red blood cells. Children and pregnant women are especially susceptible to the effects of lead exposure. Since you can't see or smell lead in your water, you won't know it's there without testing for it.

How can you get the lead out?

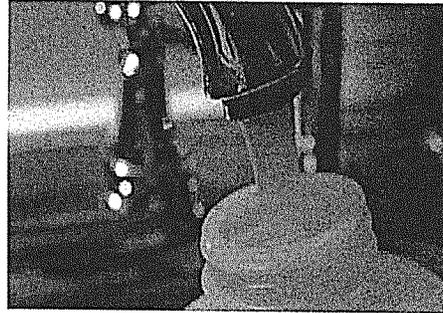
Lead levels increase when no one has used water and it sits in pipes and faucets for several hours. In the short term you can lower the lead in your water by running the tap till it's cold and only use cold tap water for cooking. Be sure to use the dispelled water for household cleaning or to water plants. For a long term solution, ask your plumber to investigate your system.

RHA's goal is to ensure a clean and healthy water supply for everyone living in this special place. Your water is our mission!

Read the recent New York Times story: [Unsafe Lead Levels in Tap Water Not Limited to Flint](#)

Limited Time Offer (Ends April 1st)

In response to the emergency in Flint, Michigan, and local concerns, RHA is offering residents of the watershed region an opportunity to purchase a lead test kit for \$30. The kit can be picked up and returned to the Association's Bedminster office location (2121 Larger Cross Road) or Flemington, at 124 Main Street, lower level. **Please call in advance to reserve your kit: 908-234-1852, ext. 401.**



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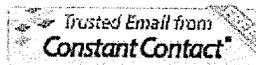
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