

What to Know: Lead in Your Water

Clarksburg Water Board customers may have lead in their water.

The Dangers of Lead in Drinking Water

Lead in drinking water should always be avoided but is especially dangerous to **CHILDREN** and **PREGNANT WOMEN**.

In children, lead can cause brain and nervous system damage, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems, and hearing and speech problems. Lead can harm the fetus in a pregnant woman, cause the baby to be born premature or cause miscarriage, among other things.



Is there lead in my water?

Clarksburg Water Board (CWB) notified customers they may have lead in their water. This primarily affects customers in Clarksburg, WV, and Harrison County who get water from CWB.

What should I do if I'm in this area?

There are two things you should do immediately:

1. TEST YOUR WATER

You can get a kit to test for lead in your water by contacting CWB by calling (304) 623-3711. You may be put on a waitlist for a test kit. CWB will deliver it to your home.

2. GET A LEAD BLOOD TEST

Call your primary care physician or your child's pediatrician to get a lead blood test, especially for **children** and **pregnant women**. You can find more information about coverage for lead blood tests on the back of this flyer.

Or contact **Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department** for a free lead blood test at (304) 623-9308.

CWB is distributing lead-removing water filters for free to affected areas. Call them at **(304) 623-3711** to get your filter.

You can still use water to shower and clean, but if you think you might have lead in your water, it should not be used as drinking water for people or pets.

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Getting Blood Lead Tests

Important information that could help your family get their blood tests.

Lead Blood Testing Information

The Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department is doing free lead blood testing every Monday 9:00 - 11:00 am at 330 W. Main Street, Clarksburg, WV. Walk-ins welcome but appointments are encouraged. Call **(304) 623-9308**.

If you have Medicaid, blood lead testing is covered. Contact your doctor, tell them you live in Clarksburg or Harrison County, there may be lead in your water, and ask for a lead blood test.

If you have other health insurance or family doctor, contact your medical provider, tell them you live in Clarksburg or Harrison County, there may be lead in your water, and ask for a lead blood test.

Resources for More Information

WV Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at WVDHHR Bureau of Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health
(800) 642-8522 or online at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/wvchildhoodleadpoisoning>

Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department
(304) 623-9308 or online at <https://hchealthdepartment.org>

Clarksburg Water Board
(304) 623-3711 or online at www.clarksburgwater.com



Need more help? You can contact **Legal Aid of WV** by calling **866-401-6439, ext. 2322**. If we are unable to answer at the time of your call, please leave a message with your name and phone number.

