

Lead Public Service Announcement

This a repeat of a public service announcement regarding an exceedance of lead in tap water that occurred in the City of New Britain in 2005. This notice shall be repeated every six months until the Connecticut Department of Public Health deems that the notification is no longer required. Testing conducted in the first half 2008 has shown that more than ten percent of the highest risk homes tested had lead levels greater that fifteen parts per billion. This required the New Britain water department to distribute lead education materials as well as providing this public service announcement to it customers. The regulations require that 90% of the homes tested have lead levels below 15 parts per billion. The results of the testing showed that only 87% of the homes tested are below the mandated action level.

The Mayor, the Water Department and EPA feel that everyone should know the facts about lead and drinking water, because unhealthy amounts of lead can enter drinking water from the plumbing in your home. That's why the department is providing low cost testing to it customers. The department can arrange for you to have your tap water tested for a fee of \$8.00 per sample. You can contact the New Britain Water Department for information on testing and on simple ways to reduce your exposure to lead in drinking water.

To have your water tested for lead, or to get more information about this public health concern, please call the New Britain Water Department at (860) 826-3540.