

Information about Lead for Gainesville, Georgia water customers

Does Gainesville have the same problems as Flint Michigan? No.

Main points:

- Gainesville performs tests of water throughout the distribution system as required by Federal and State regulations. In 2015 we tested 50 water samples. All samples were far below the state required threshold.
- Gainesville is on a reduced monitoring schedule due to low levels over the past 15 years.
- Gainesville's 2016 water quality report can be found on the City's website.
- The Gainesville water system has no known lead pipe. We spent 13 years replacing meters and service lines between the main and the meter.
- Gainesville withdraws water from Lake Lanier and provides treatment, including corrosion control to ensure safe drinking water throughout the distribution system.
- The risk of lead exposure from Gainesville's water system is extremely remote.

What happened in Flint, Michigan?

- Leaders in Flint, Michigan changed the water source.
- Flint, Michigan has lead and galvanized pipe in their system.
- Corrosion control was not provided as part of the treatment for the new water source.
- The new water chemistry caused corrosion within the piping releasing lead into the water.

What about lead based paint?

- Some houses built before 1977 may still contain lead based paint.
- For more information about exposure to lead through paint, visit:
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-02/documents/lead_in_your_home_brochure_land_b_w_508_easy_print_0.pdf
 - <https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-exposures-lead>
 - <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/lbp/hudguidelines/Ch07.pdf>

Where can I get more information about lead in drinking water?

- For information from the CDC on lead, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/>
- For information from EPA on lead in drinking water, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>
- For more information on the history of lead plumbing and regulations, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule#rule-history>
- For more information on lead in the home, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-exposureslead#testdw>