Attention: This applies to licensed restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, food processors and food warehouses who might be concerned with lead in water.

- The best way to determine if water contains lead is to have it tested. Safe results can be posted to inform consumers.
- Information to test your water is available online at DEQ – Laboratory Services: www.michigan.gov/deqlab or call 517-335-8184. To test for lead and copper, request a 36CC water test. This will cost $26 per sample.

Unless the water has been tested and found to not have a lead concern, do the following:

- Flush water lines for 5 minutes each day before using or serving water and after 6 hours of no water use. Then flush other equipment such as pop machines for at least 1-2 minutes.
- Install an NSF Standard 53 certified filter on the faucet where drinking/cooking water is obtained from. Approved filter information for faucet or in-line filters can be found at: http://nsf.com/newsroom/statement-regarding-flint-water-system-lead-issue-and-to-certification-nsf. Filters must be changed based upon the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Use cold water and store it for immediate consumption.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking and cleaning/rinsing food.
- Hot water must be used for dishwashing.

Other equipment that may use city water:

- Ice machines – Use bagged ice in drinking water.
- Pop machines – Flush for 1 minute daily or use bottled beverages.
- Coffee machines or Tea Urns – Flush for 1-2 minutes daily or use filtered water. These products may be very low risk as young children under 6 are not likely to consume these.
- Slush machines – Use filtered water.
- Spray misters – Flush for 1-2 minutes daily or use filtered water.

A licensed plumber can check your plumbing and service lines for lead soldering or lead service lines. Restaurants with questions should contact Genesee County Health Department at 810-257-3612. Grocery or food processing establishments with questions should contact MDARD at 1-800-292-3939.