

November 29, 2017

Attention Tremont Water Consumer:

One year ago, we held a public meeting at the Tremont Community Center and mailed information to every water Tremont customer about lead and copper levels in the water supply. This letter is an update on the status of our efforts to address this problem and once again provide you the same information about precautions you can take to protect yourself from any possible problems resulting from the lead concentrations in your tap water.

For starters, we want you to know that the water leaving the Tremont Water Treatment Plant contains virtually no lead or copper. The problems occur within the system of pipes that carry water from the plant to the faucets within your house.

We have good news to share with you about our efforts to eliminate these potential problems. We have been testing our water supply on a more frequent basis since we learned of the elevated lead and copper levels in more than 10 percent of the samples tested in August 2016. Our most recent test results indicate the copper levels are below the threshold level and the lead concentrations are very close to being below the 15 parts per billion threshold.

These improvements are the result of two actions by our public works staff. The first action is a slight adjustment of the water ph level as it leaves the treatment plant. Increasing the ph level reduces the corrosivity of the water. The other action has required excavations and installation of new pipe materials. Your Village Board has authorized additional spending to identify and remove lead service line connections within our system that were installed before the health problems of lead were understood. The service lines are the small pipes that deliver water from the larger mains to buildings. Most of the service lines in our community are not lead. However, we continue to find some lead service lines in the older portions of our community. Our two public works employees have been making progress in finding and replacing these old lead service lines.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please contact Village Hall at (309) 925-5711 and we do our best to provide you additional information and answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Todd Bong
Village President