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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

WEST HARDIN WATER CONTAINS HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD AND COPPER

The Texas commission on Environmental Quality sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though it is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this issue.

The list below has the corrosion control treatment actions we did not complete, or properly complete, within the required time allowed by drinking water regulations.

- Failure to submit recommendations for optimal corrosion control treatment
- Failed to install and/or operate approved source water treatment and submit certification of treatment

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead and/copper:

- Call us at 936-274-5011 to find out how to get your water tested for lead and/or copper,
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead, lead solder, or copper.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing lead and copper from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead and copper dissolve more easily into hot water.

DO NOT BOIL YOUR WATER TO REMOVE LEAD AND COPPER. Excessive boiling water makes the lead and copper more concentrated – the lead and copper remains when the water evaporates.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified WITHIN 24 HOURS. Typically, lead and copper enter water supplies by leaching from lead, copper or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason. HOWEVER, many older homes may contain lead pipes. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in / or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

*Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Children and adults who drink water containing copper in excess could experience stomach and intestinal distress as well as liver and / or kidney damage.

Copper health effects

Short term exposure: Gastrointestinal distress, Long term exposure: Liver and kidney damage, People with Wilsons disease should consult their personal doctor if the amount of copper in their water exceeds the action level.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

- We are submitting required engineering reports, plans, and specifications required for corrosion control infrastructure to TCEQ for approval.
- We will be submitting the corrosion control treatment installation certification to TCEQ after the treatment plan has been approved.