

Lead and copper results January-June 2023

City of Columbia Water & Light has received the results from the first round of required lead and copper water sampling for 2023. Results show that the City is in compliance with the lead and copper action levels established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Water & Light collected 100 samples that were tested by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). All of the residences sampled were single-family homes or multi-family residences with known lead service lines, lead interior pipes or lead solder that joins copper pipes.

In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, utilities must ensure that water from the customer's tap does not exceed the action level for lead or copper in at least 90% of the homes sampled. The action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

The EPA's action level for lead is 15 parts per billion (ppb). Of the 100 samples Water & Light submitted to MDNR in April and May, only two exceeded the action level. Ninety percent of the samples were at 2.64 ppb or below.

Of Water & Light's 100 samples:

- 72 had no detectable lead.
- 26 had lead detected below the action level.
- 2 had lead that exceeded the action level.

Columbia Water & Light has worked with both customers whose results exceeded the action level to

help identify potential causes within the homes that may have contributed to the elevated results. Water & Light collected additional samples as well as samples from a second location within these homes. It was determined from the additional samples that one home continued to exceed the action level. Appropriate measures the homeowner could take to lower lead levels were identified. These measures resulted in a sample below the action level. Everyone who participated has received a letter detailing the results of their analysis.

The EPA's action level for copper is 1,300 ppb. All 100 Water & Light samples tested below the action level.

Water & Light also performed analysis on 62 additional residences for customers who requested testing. None of the residences were above the action level.

Water & Light will begin collecting the second round of 100 samples for MDNR in September.

There is no detectable lead in the water the City provides to its customers. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Historically, Water & Light has not seen elevated amounts of lead and copper in testing results from customers' homes because Columbia's water is very stable.

Customers who would like their water tested for lead and copper can contact Deidra.McClendon@CoMo.gov to request to have a sample tested.

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Lead & Copper 90th Percentile Report

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Monitoring Period Start Date: 1/1/2023
Monitoring Period End Date: 6/30/2023

	Number of Samples	Level	Unit of Measure
Copper 90th Percentile	100	94.8	ug/L (PPB)
Lead 90th Percentile	100	2.64	ug/L (PPB)

This report is being sent due to revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule that require the Department of Natural Resources to report the lead & copper 90th percentiles to public water supply systems. Individual sample results are included in this mailing.

A level of 0 indicates that the 90th percentile was below the detection limits.

If the copper 90th percentile level is over 1300 micrograms per liter (ug/L) or the lead 90th percentile level is over 15 micrograms per liter (ug/L), your water system has exceeded the action level for one or both of these contaminants. No action is necessary unless action levels were exceeded.
