



**Detroit Water and Sewerage Department**

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***Statement can be attributed to Gary Brown, director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department:***

This year, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) will test water samples at various residential homes around the City using the standards of the State of Michigan's new Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). DWSD has been testing water samples for years under the existing Federal LCR (enforced by the State) and will comply with all requirements under the new State rule.

Detroit's water quality has not changed. Drinking water produced by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) remains of unquestionable quality and does not contain lead. DWSD and GLWA work together to ensure our water supply not only meets, but exceeds the Safe Drinking Water Act standards. When lead is present in drinking water, it is primarily from corrosion of materials and components associated with lead service lines and/or the plumbing inside homes, schools, churches and businesses. It is possible that the new LCR sampling method at homes will result in higher lead readings because we are now sampling water that has been sitting stagnant in lead service lines.

If customers are concerned they have elevated blood lead levels from exposure to lead paint or lead in water, they should first contact their family physician. The Health Department can also be contacted at (313) 876-0133 to obtain a fingertip blood test. If residents would like their water tested, they can submit a request form to DWSD online at [www.detroitmi.gov/leadsafe](http://www.detroitmi.gov/leadsafe).