

July 25/2023

Dear Town of Rivers Resident,

Re: Free water testing for lead in drinking water

Riverdale Municipality is offering free testing for lead in drinking water. You are being contacted because homes in your residential area are more likely to have been built with lead materials. The Province of Manitoba and Riverdale Municipality strongly recommend that you test your drinking water for lead.

Lead exposure can effect the health of everyone, but fetuses, infants and young children are the most sensitive to lead exposure. The Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines state that lead concentration in drinking water should not exceed 0.005 mg/L and recommends that child care providers and schools test their drinking water for lead.

Water from the Riverdale Municipal Water Treatment Plant meets the lead limit guidelines; however, lead can enter drinking water from residential lead based plumbing materials. Elevated lead concentrations at the tap are more likely in older homes, built before 1950. Testing the drinking water in your home will help Riverdale Municipality assess whether lead is present in residential drinking water and the best course of action to take if it exceeds guidelines.

If you are interested in this free testing, please phone or email Riverdale Municipality by August 15th/2023 using the contact information below. Participants will be selected on a first come first serve basis. If you are selected, Riverdale Municipality will advise you on how water samples will be collected.

Jena Ratz, Riverdale Municipality 204-328-5300 or admin@riverdalemb.ca

You will receive the results of your drinking water test. If your drinking water has elevated lead levels, Riverdale Municipality will provide you with advice on how you can reduce lead in your drinking water.

Riverdale Municipality website: <https://riversdaly.ca/> has details on the lead in drinking water testing program and the Province of Manitoba website provides additional details on lead in drinking water: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water/lead/index.html>.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to Jeff Worth.

Sincerely,

Jeff Worth
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