

Drinking Water and Lead

St. Johns County Utilities is closely monitoring the recent news related to lead and drinking water in Flint, Michigan.

Although a full picture about what occurred in Flint is not yet available, it appears that switching of the water supply source from the City of Detroit to the Flint River is responsible for this crisis. Additionally, important steps to ensure that the changed water chemistry would not cause corrosion in plumbing do not appear to have been taken. This new water caused lead to leach from service lines and home plumbing into the drinking water.

St. Johns County Utilities would like to assure its customers that a lead/corrosion control program has been in place for almost 24 years. This program incorporates applying the EPA recommended corrosion control treatment at required water treatment plants, and periodic rounds of sampling and testing of lead levels in drinking water at approved homes to measure the treatment effectiveness. The St. Johns County Utilities has maintained compliance with this regulation since its inception.

For any questions or concerns about Lead and your Drinking water, please contact Barry Stewart, Water Division Manager at 904-209-2645

For more information on lead and health, you may visit the CDC webpage on lead:
<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm>