

Oakham Elementary School

1 Deacon Allen Drive
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Template for results with no measurable Lead concentrations and Copper Results below Action Levels

[10/1/2020]

To the Students, Families, and Staff of [Oakham Elementary School]:

On [9/24/2020] samples were collected from all taps and fixtures used for drinking, cooking and medical uses at [Oakham Elementary School]. Samples were taken at each tap or fixture for both a first draw sample with the water standing in the tap overnight as well as a flushed sample after the tap was run. For information on sample collection procedures for school samples please see: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/sampling-for-lead-and-copper-at-schools-and-childcare-facilities>

We are pleased to report that all samples taken from our taps and fixtures contain no measurable lead concentrations and are below the Massachusetts Action Levels for copper in drinking water.

In accordance with the USEPA's Revised 3Ts Manual, MassDEP's LCCA program recommends that schools and early education and care programs evaluate and remediate all taps/fixtures used for drinking, food preparation or medical uses with lead results above the Massachusetts certified laboratory detection limit of 1ppb until the lowest possible concentration of lead is achieved. The Massachusetts Action Level for copper in drinking water is 1.3 milligrams per liter (also known as parts per million).

For MassDEP information on lead and copper in drinking water see:

Lead: <https://www.mass.gov/lead-in-drinking-water>

Copper: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/fact-sheet-copper-and-your-health>

For Massachusetts Department of Public Health information on Lead and Copper see:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention-program>

A Reminder: The water system at the school is not unlike water systems found in other buildings. Older plumbing systems and fixtures, especially, can contain lead pipes or solder that can allow lead to enter tap water. Plumbing systems also contain copper. If you have questions about lead or copper in your home's water supply, and are using a private well, you can have your water tested. If you are receiving water from a public water system (i.e., if you pay a water bill) you can call your local water department for information or check the Consumer Confidence Report sent out by the public water supplier annually.

If you have any questions on this information please contact Claire Barnes at 978-355-6177

Sincerely,



Claire Barnes
Facilities Manager

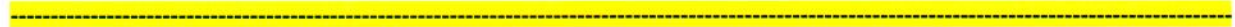
**NOTICE OF TAP WATER RESULTS
LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING PROGRAM**

PWS Name: Oakham Elementary
PWS ID: 2222001

Date: 10/28/2020

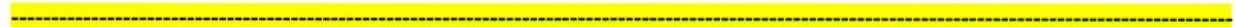
Dear Consumer:

As you may know, **Oakham Elementary School** is also a public water system (PWS) responsible for providing drinking water that meets state and federal standards. This notice reports the lead and copper results from the samples collected at this facility on **9/24/2020**.



A total of **5** samples were taken and compliance is based on the 90th percentile for all of these samples. See the attached analytical report for the lead and copper results for each location that was sampled. The 90th percentile lead and copper levels in your water system are as follows:

LEAD: **0** milligrams per liter (mg/l). below the Lead Action Level of 0.015 mg/l.
COPPER: **0.0128** milligrams per liter (mg/l). below the Copper Action Level of 1.3 mg/l.



What Does This Mean?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) set the **Lead Action Level¹ for lead in drinking water at 0.015 mg/l (or parts per million) and the Copper Action Level at 1.3 mg/l**. Because lead may pose serious health risks, the EPA and MassDEP also set a **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)² for lead of zero. The MCLG for copper is 1.3 mg/l**.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our public water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. More information on lead in drinking water and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We recommend the following tips to keep any potential lead and copper out of the water you drink:

- Most importantly – Flushing your water is the simplest way to reduce exposure to lead. When your water has been sitting for several hours, flush the tap until the water feels cold before use.
- Never use hot water from the faucet for drinking or cooking especially when making baby formula.
- Never boil water to remove lead or copper. Boiling water for an extended time may make the lead or copper more concentrated.

For more information on lead in drinking water visit:

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/overview-of-lead-in-massachusetts-drinking-water>
- <https://www.mass.gov/lists/lead-in-drinking-water>

For more information on copper in drinking water visit:

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/copper-and-your-health>
- <https://safewater.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/202346427>

MDPH Lead and Copper in Drinking Water FAQ and Quick Facts:

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/sources-of-lead-besides-lead-paint>

¹ The Action Level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

² The Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

- [Lead in Drinking Water FAQ \(https://www.mass.gov/media/1571266/\)](https://www.mass.gov/media/1571266/)
- [Copper in Drinking Water FAQ \(https://www.mass.gov/media/1571251/\)](https://www.mass.gov/media/1571251/)

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm>.

USEPA: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

If you have any questions regarding lead or copper in drinking water or your lead or copper sampling results, please feel free to contact: Claire Barnes at 508-867-6895

Sincerely,

Paul Varney Sr
Certified water operator