

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Reporting Requirements Not Met for Newfield Water Department

We violated a drinking water requirement. Our water system failed to submit an optimal corrosion control treatment (OCCT) recommendation and a source water treatment recommendation (SoWTR), thereby violating a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

What happened?

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. In 2025 tests showed copper in the water above the action level, so we were required to submit an OCCT recommendation and SoWTR to the NJ Division of Water Supply & Geoscience. The OCCT recommendation and SoWTR should have been completed and submitted by 4-1-2026

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal physician.

What should I do? Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure:

- Run water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using to for drinking or cooking, if it hasn't been used for several hours.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.
- Do not boil the water to remove lead and copper.
- Use alternate sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider using bottled water for drinking and cooking or a water filter designed to remove Lead and Copper. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce Lead and Copper or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance of standards for water filters. Be sure to maintain and replace a filter device in accordance with the manufacturer's standards to ensure water quality.
- Get your child tested. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for Lead if you are concerned about Lead exposure.

What is being done?

This is not an emergency, if it had been you would have been contacted immediately. The OCCT recommendation and SWTR will be submitted by August 25 2026.

For more information, please contact Brian Nicholson at 856-697-1100 or waterop@newfieldboro.org.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Newfield water Department.

PWSID# nj0813001. Date distributed: 8-8-26