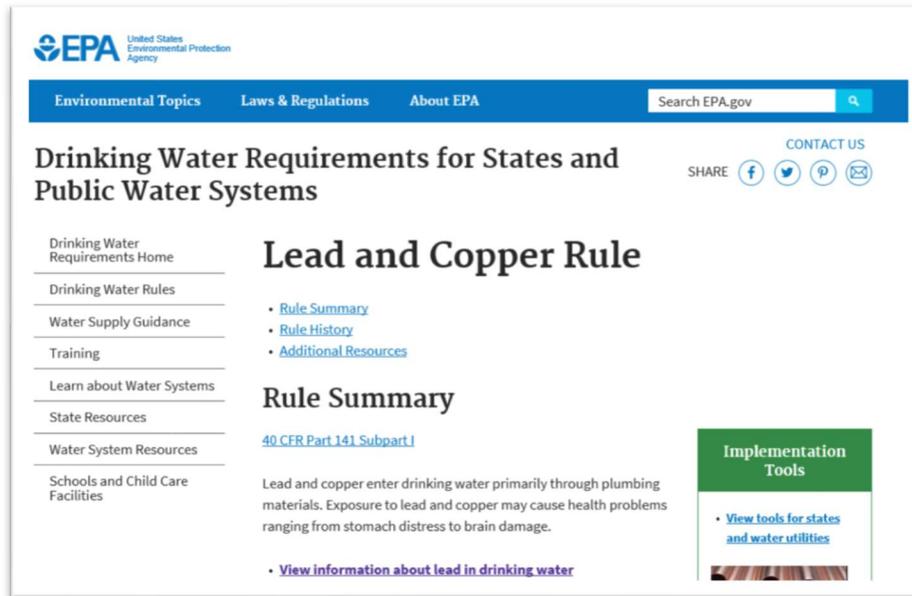




Lead in Drinking Water - Resources Factsheet

Federal: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resources

- EPA's webpage on the Lead and Copper Rule: <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule>



- EPA's *Lead and Copper Rule Quick Reference Guide* is a basic outline of the federal regulatory requirements, available at <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-rule-quick-reference-guides>.
- The factsheet, *Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water*, available at https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-08/documents/epa_lead_in_drinking_water_final_8.21.17.pdf, helps visualize what the regulation is covering from the water system/utility lines to a home/property.
- This EPA webpage provides basic, introductory information on public water systems: <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/information-about-public-water-systems>.
- EPA's online training system to address specific rule training needs is available at https://cfpub.epa.gov/epa_dwts/dsp_welcome.cfm.
- The National Conference of State Legislatures website, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/lead-water-service-lines.aspx>, is an information hub for the nation because it outlines specific state information on lead, tailored to lead service lines.
 - ✓ Along with information on how California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and many more worked to combat lead in water, the website includes additional links to other helpful resources and organizations. Particular organizations of interest may include the Center for Disease Control, American Water Works Association, and the Environmental Defense Fund.

- EPA’s databases and reports: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-data-and-reports>.

State: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Resources

- To understand what a public water system is required to do, specifically in New Jersey, view the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience’s **Lead in Drinking Water – Public Water System Information webpage** for this information at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-public.html>.
- Some of the important documents for the general public under ‘Factsheets’ may be, but are not limited to:
 - ✓ *Materials Evaluation and Site Selection* – provides a description of the sample site categories and structure for public water systems’ site identification;
 - ✓ *Public Education (PE) Factsheet* – summarizes the educational component of the rule; and
 - ✓ *Lead Service Line Replacement* – outlines the responsibilities for replacing lead service lines for a water system versus a property owner.
- Consumers and property owners can view the **Lead in Drinking Water – Consumer Information webpage:** <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-consumer.html>.

The screenshot shows the 'Lead in Drinking Water' page from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Supply and Geoscience. The page includes a navigation menu on the left with items like 'Water Supply Home', 'Drinking Water Customers', and 'Drinking Water Systems'. The main content area features a title 'Lead in Drinking Water' and a paragraph explaining that lead is not normally found in drinking water at the source but can leach into it from pipes and fixtures. Below this, there are four links for additional information: 'CONSUMER (You are served by a community water system/are on "city water")', 'SCHOOLS', 'PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM (Community or Non-transient non-community)', and 'EPA Lead and Copper Rule Implementation Info'. An image of a kitchen faucet is also present. At the bottom, a box contains the instruction: 'Flush your pipes before drinking, and only use cold water for cooking and drinking. Anytime the water in a particular faucet has not been used for six hours or longer, flush your cold-water pipes by running the water until it becomes cold.'

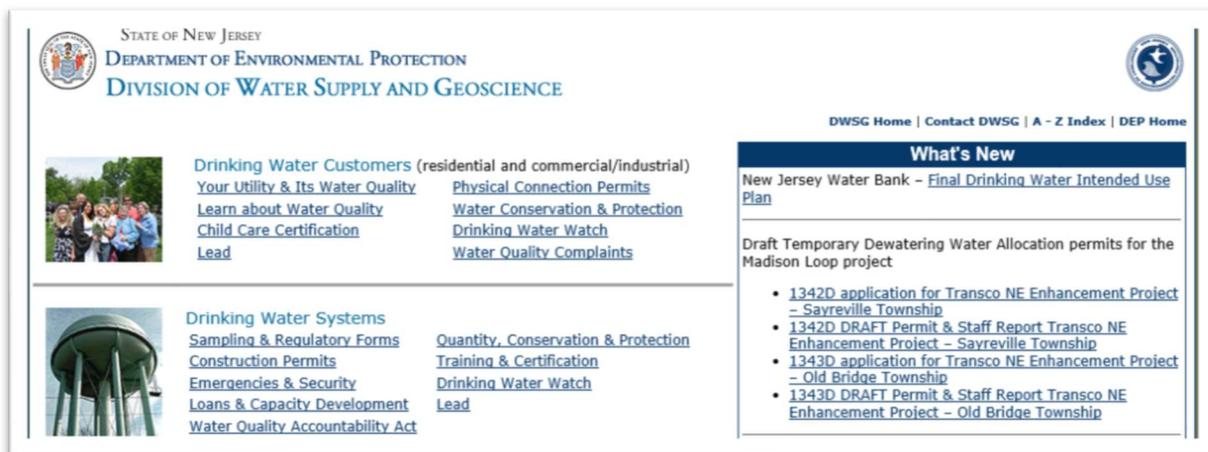
- There is a separate Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document available to help the general public understand what the regulated community is required to do and the role of the customer: <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pdf/newark-lead-faq.pdf>.

- **New Jersey Drinking Water Watch** is an online resource enabling users to view drinking water information for New Jersey water systems: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/waterwatch>.

Here, customers can input their town and learn which water systems serve them. Along with viewing current violations, customers can view past violations.

- **DEP DataMiner** is an online resource for generating reports relating to compliance with regulations that can be used for this purpose: <https://www13.state.nj.us/DataMiner>. *Note – there are no lead-specific reports currently generated by DataMiner, but it can be used to find information related to a water system’s requirements for lead, e.g., violations, permit approvals.*

- Customers can refer to the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience’s **Public Water Quality Complaints webpage** at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pwq-complaint.html> to report a complaint specific to drinking water.
- Customers can also directly contact their water system if they have any concerns pertaining to their water. If they do not have contact information for their water system, then information can be found using DEP’s DataMiner’s ‘Search by Category’ function and selecting ‘Water Supply and Geoscience’ option.
- The main page for the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience covers a wide variety of topics under the Drinking Water Systems header and the Drinking Water Customers header.
 - ✓ Topics of interest range from Lead, Water Quality Complaints, basic Water Quality information, and Useful Links.
 - ✓ Customers can also find the link to Drinking Water Watch here.
 - ✓ Customers may also want to keep an eye out for rotating news that appears in the *What’s New* section of the homepage. As of the date of this publication, there are presentations listed at the bottom of the section which are helpful in understanding the regulations overall.



State: Other New Jersey State Resources

Beyond the DEP, two other state agencies adopted regulations regarding testing for lead in drinking water:

- Department of Education (DOE), Board of Education (BOE) – applicable to public schools throughout New Jersey. Those regulations can be found online at <https://www.state.nj.us/education/lead/>.
- Department of Children and Families – applicable to child care centers served by a community water system in addition to those served by a non-community or non-public well. Information can be found online at <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/ol/>.
- DEP has a crosswalk for regulations regarding lead sampling in schools and child care centers available online at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pdf/ntnc-school-crosswalk.pdf>.

- The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), Division of Water, oversees the regulation of approximately 45 investor owned water and wastewater utilities. Some Division of Water initiatives include ensuring a safe and reliable water supply, sustainability of future growth, efforts to improve the efficient use of potable water and water reuse, just to name a few programs. BPU's Division of Water page can be found at <https://www.bpu.state.nj.us/bpu/about/divisions/water/>.