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**Lead Poisoning**

Lead poisoning is extremely common in Minnesota. Tests were done and 1/45 people was led poisoned. These were children in a school near a river.  The water fountain heads and pipes were rusted and old and a lot of led got into the school pipes. Children are being harmed

and schools are shutting down. This will be harmful for teachers and students. Teachers will lose their jobs and others may have to move. Children

will have to pay extra to move to another school which will harm the parents and will cause a poverty. Or the parents homeschool the students which takes time and may not be accurate. Alternatively, the government will have to change the pipes and that will cost a lot of money for the government. The government will lose money. Even here in California, the water should be tested. If your pipes were made before 1986 they might still have led from 1986 or before.

**The most common sources for lead in drinking water from wells are:**

* *Lead pipes* are typically the worst contributor to elevated lead levels.
* *Lead solder* was used in the past to join copper pipes, but has been banned.
* *Brass components such as faucets, coolers, and valves*. Although brass usually contains low lead levels of 8 percent or less, it can still dissolve lead into the water.

Links

* <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/lead.html>
* [Why Is Lead A Health Risk?](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/lead.html#Why)
* [How Can Lead Get Into My Well Water System?](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/lead.html#How)
* [How Can I Reduce My Contact with Lead?](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/lead.html#Reduce)
* [Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html).
* <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/letitrun_english.html>