

# **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

## **Medford Township Utility Department**

**For the Year 2026, Results from the Year 2025**

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We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and to protect our water resources.

Our Drinking Water sources include groundwater wells and water purchased from New Jersey American Water (NJAW). Our eight active wells draw groundwater from the Upper Potomac-Raritan-Magothy (PRM) Aquifer System and the Mount Laurel-Wenonah (MLW) Aquifer System. The NJDEP strictly regulates the volume of water that can be pumped from the PRM and MLW aquifers because they are being depleted at a faster rate than they are replenished. To supplement our water supply, Medford Township purchases water from NJAW. NJAW's sources include nine active wells that draw groundwater from the Upper & Lower PRM Aquifer System and surface water treated at the Delaware River Regional Treatment Plant. Our groundwater is treated with an iron-sequestering agent and chlorine disinfection. Fluoride is not added to our drinking water system.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The Medford Township Utility Department and NJAW routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. The Safe Drinking Water Act regulations allow monitoring waivers to reduce or eliminate the monitoring requirements for asbestos and synthetic organic chemicals (SOCs). Our system received monitoring waivers for asbestos and SOCs for the current compliance period. NJAW also received a monitoring waiver for asbestos and expects to receive one for SOCs.

### **Definitions:**

In the "Test Results" tables you may find some terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

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

**Level 2 Assessment**- A Level 2 Assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** -The "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.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per million (ppm)** or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) -one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb)** or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt)** or nanogram per liter - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 20,000 years, or a single penny in \$100,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Recommended Upper Limit (RUL)** - Recommended maximum concentration of secondary contaminants. These reflect aesthetic qualities such as odor, taste or appearance. RUL's are recommendations, not mandates.

**Secondary Contaminant**- Substances that do not have an impact on health. Secondary Contaminants affect aesthetic qualities such as odor, taste or appearance. Secondary standards are recommendations, not mandates.

**Total Organic Carbon (TOC)** - NJAW is required to remove a certain percentage of TOC from their drinking water on a monthly basis. Total Organic Carbon has no adverse health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts.

**Treatment Technique** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Turbidity** - A measure of the particulate matter or "cloudiness" of the water. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.

## TABLES OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The table below shows the contaminants that were detected in our water system. Our system is supplied by a combination of water from the Township's wells and treated water purchased from NJAW. The tables on the next page show contaminants that NJAW has detected in their systems that provide water for Medford Township's system, but these samples were not collected in Medford's system.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

| Medford Township Utility Department Test Results<br>PWSID # NJ0320001 |                                             |                                                                                                    |                      |              |        |                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Contaminant                                                           | Violation Y/N                               | Level Detected                                                                                     | Units of Measurement | MCLG         | MCL    | Likely Source of Contamination                                                                                            |
| <b>Radioactive Contaminants:</b>                                      |                                             |                                                                                                    |                      |              |        |                                                                                                                           |
| Gross Alpha<br>Test results Yr. 2020 & 2023                           | N                                           | Range = ND – 4.0<br>Highest detect = 4.0                                                           | pCi/l                | 0            | 15     | Erosion of natural deposits                                                                                               |
| Combined Radium<br>Test results Yr. 2020 & 2023                       | N                                           | Range = ND – 5.2<br>Highest detect = 5.2                                                           | pCi/l                | 0            | 5      | Erosion of natural deposits                                                                                               |
| <b>Inorganic Contaminants:</b>                                        |                                             |                                                                                                    |                      |              |        |                                                                                                                           |
| Barium<br>Test results Yr. 2020 & 2023                                | N                                           | Range = 0.011 – 0.152<br>Highest detect = 0.152                                                    | ppm                  | 2            | 2      | Discharge of drilling wastes;<br>discharge from metal refineries;<br>erosion of natural deposits                          |
| Copper<br>Test results Yr. 2023 <sup>1</sup>                          | N                                           | 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile = 0.24<br>Range = 0.032 – 0.28<br>No samples exceeded the action level | ppm                  | 1.3          | AL=1.3 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits                                                      |
| Cyanide<br>Test results Yr. 2020 & 2023                               | N                                           | Range= ND – 44<br>Highest detect = 44                                                              | ppb                  | 200          | 200    | Discharge from steel / metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories                                   |
| Fluoride<br>Test results Yr. 2020 & 2023                              | N                                           | Range = ND – 0.158<br>Highest detect = 0.158                                                       | ppm                  | 4            | 4      | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Lead<br>Test results Yr. 2023 <sup>1</sup>                            | N                                           | 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile = 0.00<br>Range = ND – 1.3<br>No samples exceeded the action level     | ppb                  | 0            | AL=15  | Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits                                                      |
| Nickel<br>Test results Yr. 2020 & 2023                                | N                                           | Range = ND – 0.01<br>Highest detect = 0.01                                                         | ppm                  | N/A          | No MCL | Erosion of natural deposits.                                                                                              |
| Nitrate-Nitrite<br>Test results Yr. 2025                              | N                                           | Range = ND – 0.0663<br>Highest detect = 0.0663                                                     | ppm                  | 10           | 10     | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits                               |
| <b>Microbial Contaminants:</b>                                        |                                             |                                                                                                    |                      |              |        |                                                                                                                           |
| E. Coli<br>Test results Yr. 2025                                      | N                                           | Four positive samples                                                                              | TT                   | 0            | 0      | Human and animal fecal matter.                                                                                            |
| <b>Disinfection Byproducts:</b>                                       |                                             |                                                                                                    |                      |              |        |                                                                                                                           |
| TTHM<br>Total Trihalomethanes<br>Test results Yr. 2025                | N                                           | Range = 1.0 – 16.0<br>Highest LRAA = 16.2                                                          | ppb                  | N/A          | 80     | By-product of drinking water disinfection                                                                                 |
| HAA5<br>Haloacetic Acids<br>Test results Yr. 2025                     | N                                           | Range = 0 – 4.7<br>Highest LRAA = 4.625                                                            | ppb                  | N/A          | 60     | By-product of drinking water disinfection                                                                                 |
| <b>Regulated Disinfectants</b>                                        | <b>Level Detected</b>                       |                                                                                                    | <b>MRDL</b>          | <b>MRDLG</b> |        | <b>Likely Source</b>                                                                                                      |
| Chlorine<br>Test results Yr. 2025                                     | Range = 0.3 – 0.6 ppm<br>Average = 0.45 ppm |                                                                                                    | 4.0 ppm              | 4.0 ppm      |        | Water additive used to control microbes                                                                                   |

*Note: Test results are from the most recent sampling, some of which occurred before 2025. Select tests need to be sampled less than annually. Test results include data from 2020 and 2021 for one well that was out of service during 2023.*

<sup>1</sup> Six lead and copper samples were collected in 2025, these samples were not taken for compliance. No lead was detected in these samples, and all copper results were below the Action Level.

| New Jersey American Water – Mount Holly System Test Results<br>PWSID # NJ0323001 |                  |                                            |                               |      |     |                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Contaminant                                                                      | Violation<br>Y/N | Level<br>Detected                          | Units of<br>Measure -<br>ment | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination                                                             |
| <b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>                                                    |                  |                                            |                               |      |     |                                                                                            |
| Barium<br>Test results Yr. 2023                                                  | N                | Range = ND - 0.1<br>Highest detect = 0.1   | ppm                           | 2    | 2   | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits |
| Gross Alpha (pCi/L)<br>Test results Yr. 2023                                     | N                | Range = ND – 3.53<br>Highest detect = 3.53 | pCi/L                         | 0    | 15  | Erosion of Natural Deposits                                                                |
| Combined Radium (226 & 228)<br>Test results Yr. 2023                             | N                | Range = ND – 1.08<br>Highest detect = 1.08 | pCi/L                         | 0    | 5   | Erosion of Natural Deposits                                                                |

| New Jersey American Water – Delaware River Regional Water Treatment Plant<br>PWSID # NJ0327001 |                    |           |                                             |                                                                             |                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Disinfectants – Collected at the Surface Water Treatment Plant                                 |                    |           |                                             |                                                                             |                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                             |
| Substance                                                                                      | Violation<br>(Y/N) | MRDL<br>G | MRDL                                        | Minimum<br>Chlorine Residual                                                | Lowest<br>Detected                  | Range<br>Detected                                                                                                      | Typical Source                              |
| Entry Point Chlorine<br>Residual (ppm) Yr 2025                                                 | N                  | 4         | 4                                           | TT ≥ 0.20                                                                   | 0.53 <sup>1</sup>                   | 0.53-1.30                                                                                                              | Water additive used to<br>control microbes. |
| Treatment Byproducts Precursor Removal – Collected at the Treatment Plant                      |                    |           |                                             |                                                                             |                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                             |
| Substance                                                                                      | Violation<br>(Y/N) | MCLG      | MCL                                         | Range of Removal Achieved                                                   | Quarters Out<br>of<br>Compliance    | Typical Source                                                                                                         |                                             |
| TOC – Total Organic<br>Carbon (mg/L) Yr 2025                                                   | N                  | NA        | TT ≥ 35%<br>Removal                         | 42.3% - 59.6%                                                               | 0                                   | Naturally present in the<br>environment.                                                                               |                                             |
| Actual / Required TOC<br>Removal (Ratio) 2025                                                  | N                  | NA        | TT: Running<br>Annual Avg ≥<br>1.0          | 1.21 – 1.70                                                                 | 0                                   | Naturally present in the<br>environment.                                                                               |                                             |
| Turbidity – Continuous Monitoring at the Treatment Plant                                       |                    |           |                                             |                                                                             |                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                             |
| Substance                                                                                      | Violation<br>(Y/N) | MCLG      | MCL                                         | Highest Single Measurements<br>and Lowest Monthly % of<br>Samples < 0.3 NTU | Sample Date<br>of Highest<br>Result | Typical Source                                                                                                         |                                             |
| Turbidity (NTU) <sup>2</sup><br>Yr 2025                                                        | N                  | 0         | TT: Single<br>result ><br>1 NTU             | Highest Single<br>Measurement: <0.1                                         | NA                                  | Soil Runoff                                                                                                            |                                             |
|                                                                                                | N                  | NA        | TT: At least<br>95% of samples<br>≤ 0.3 NTU | 100% of Samples ≤ 0.3 NTU                                                   | NA                                  | Soil Runoff                                                                                                            |                                             |
| Other Regulated Substances – Collected at the Treatment Plant                                  |                    |           |                                             |                                                                             |                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                             |
| Substance                                                                                      | Violation<br>(Y/N) | MCLG      | MCL/SMCL                                    | Highest<br>Compliance Result                                                | Range<br>Detected                   | Typical Source                                                                                                         |                                             |
| Bromate (ppm) Yr 2025                                                                          | N                  | 0         | 10                                          | 0.83                                                                        | ND to 5                             | Disinfection byproduct.                                                                                                |                                             |
| Nitrate (ppm) Yr 2025                                                                          | N                  | 5         | 10                                          | 1.14                                                                        | 0.76 –<br>1.14                      | Runoff from fertilizer use; industrial or<br>domestic wastewater discharges, erosion of<br>natural deposits            |                                             |
| Perfluorooctanoic Acid –<br>PFOA (ppt) <sup>3,4</sup> Yr 2025                                  | N                  | 0         | 14                                          | 2.5                                                                         | ND to 4.3                           | Used in Teflons, fire fighting foams,<br>cleaners, cosmetics, lubricants, paints,<br>polishes, adhesives, photo films. |                                             |
| Perfluorooctanesulfonic<br>Acid - PFOS (ppt) <sup>3,4</sup><br>2025                            | N                  | 0         | 13                                          | 2.45                                                                        | ND to 3.9                           | Manmade chemical; used in products for<br>stain, grease, heat and water resistance.                                    |                                             |

<sup>1</sup> Data represents the lowest residual entering the distribution system from our water treatment plant.

<sup>2</sup> 100% of the turbidity readings were below the treatment technique requirement of 0.3 NTU. Turbidity is a measure of cloudiness of the water. We monitor turbidity because it is a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.

<sup>3</sup> PFAS chemicals are unique, so two PFAS chemicals at the same level typically do not present the same risk. Therefore, you should not compare the results for one PFAS chemical against the results of another.

<sup>4</sup> For more information on the U.S. EPA's proposed PFAS drinking water standards, including the Hazard Index, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

As noted in the Table of Detected Contaminants, four samples of E. Coli were detected in our water system during routine sampling. These samples do not indicate a MCL violation because E. Coli was not detected when repeat and source water samples were collected.

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely-compromised immune systems.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

During the past year, one Level 2 assessment was required to be completed for our water system. One Level 2 assessment was completed. In addition, we were required to take 3 corrective actions and we completed two of these. We have taken steps to address the remaining corrective action and anticipate that it will be completed soon. The corrective actions included inspecting a well seal, replacing flow meters that were reading inaccurately, and installing sample stations to improve access to sample sites. Our system has not failed to conduct any required assessments or corrective actions.

### Source Water Assessment Summary

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has completed and issued the Source Water Assessment Report and Summary for this public water system, which is available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/swap/index.html> or by contacting NJDEP's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at (609) 292-5550 or [watersupply@dep.nj.gov](mailto:watersupply@dep.nj.gov). You may also contact your public water system. Medford Township Utility Department's Source Water Assessment Summary is included here.

The table below illustrates the susceptibility ratings for the seven contaminant categories (and radon) for each source in the system. The table provides the number of wells that rated high (H), medium (M), or low (L) for each contaminant category. The seven contaminant categories are defined below. For susceptibility ratings of purchased water, refer to the specific water system's source water assessment report.

**If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water.** The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels. As a result of the assessments, DEP may customize (change existing) monitoring schedules based on the susceptibility ratings.

**Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.

**Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals, and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.

**Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.

**Pesticides:** Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds, and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.

**Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.

**Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.

**Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm> or call (800) 648-0394.

**Disinfection Byproduct Precursors:** A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

### Medford Township Utility Department Source Water Assessment Summary - PWSID # NJ0320001

The Medford Township Utility Department is a public community water system consisting of 8 active wells.

This system's source water comes from the following aquifers: Upper Potomac-Raritan-Magothy Aquifer System and the Mount Laurel-Wenonah Aquifer System.

This system purchases water from the following water system: New Jersey American Water – Mount Holly System

### Susceptibility Ratings for Medford Township Utility Department Sources

|           | Pathogens |   |   | Nutrients |   |   | Pesticides |   |   | Volatile Organic Compounds |   |   | Inorganics |   |   | Radionuclides |   |   | Radon |   |   | Disinfection Byproduct Precursors |   |   |
|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|---|---|------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|---|------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|-------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Sources   | H         | M | L | H         | M | L | H          | M | L | H                          | M | L | H          | M | L | H             | M | L | H     | M | L | H                                 | M | L |
| Wells – 8 |           |   | 8 |           |   | 8 |            |   | 8 |                            |   | 8 |            | 4 | 4 |               | 4 | 4 |       | 4 | 4 |                                   | 8 |   |

## **Drinking Water Sources**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in the source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Unregulated Contaminants for Which EPA Required Monitoring**

The Medford Township Utility Department participated in the fifth round of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) in 2025. Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. UCMR5 included monitoring for 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium. No unregulated contaminants were detected in Medford's water system during the UCMR testing completed in 2025. More information regarding the UCMR5 program, the substances tested, and the results of the testing can be found on the EPA's UCMR5 website: <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule> or by contacting us at 609-654-6791.

### **Information about Lead in Drinking Water**

New Jersey's Lead Service Line Replacement Law was signed into law in July of 2021. The goal of this law is to identify and eliminate all lead and galvanized water service lines within 10 years. To comply with this law, Medford developed a Water Service Line Inventory, which is available on our website ([www.medfordtownship.com/Utilities](http://www.medfordtownship.com/Utilities)). If your service line material is listed as unknown in this inventory, please help us by taking a picture of your water meter and emailing it to us at [waterservices@medfordtownship.com](mailto:waterservices@medfordtownship.com).

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. The Medford Township Utility Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the Medford Township Utility Department at 609-654-6791. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Call us at 609-654-6791 to find out how to get your water tested for lead. Testing is essential because you cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water.

**If you have questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact us at 609-654-6791. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Township Meetings. Times and dates for those Meetings are posted in the Township's Calendar at [www.medfordtownship.com](http://www.medfordtownship.com).**

**The Medford Township Utility Department works around the clock to provide you with top quality drinking water. We ask our customers and residents to help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future.**