In Washington State, lead in drinking water comes primarily from materials and components used in household plumbing. The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more dissolved metals, such as lead, it may contain. Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. To help reduce potential exposure to lead, flush tap water that has not been used for six hours or more through the tap until it is noticeably colder before using the water for drinking, cooking or cleaning. Use cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula, since hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in your drinking water is available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

**Your drinking water is safe**

We take the monitoring of our water supply very seriously. In fact, we continuously monitor our water supply to make sure your water is safe, healthy, and clean.

Last year, we completed a total of 300 tests on Vera’s water for total coliform, E.coli, and other contaminants. Every month, we take water samples from at least 25 different locations throughout our service territories to monitor for contaminants as required by the state of Washington. These test results tell us whether your drinking water meets state health standards.

In 2020, we met or exceeded all the Washington state and federal regulations.

This report can be found at https://bit.ly/3zhL8CR.