

What's in your water?

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Ever wonder what you are testing for in your water? You get a sample box in the mail and it says take this sample on this date whether it be voc's, soc's, nitrates or other samples. Next time you should take a look at the results when you get them back and just see what you sampled for. There are a lot of different things that you sample for, lead, arsenic, nitrates, iron, manganese and hundreds more.

Chemicals migrate into water from old pipes, industry, agriculture and other sources. Many have no taste, color or smell. Water from a utility can spend 3-7 days traveling through old pipes before reaching your home, where plumbing and fixtures can also influence water quality. 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 water poses a health risk.

With all the hype going on in Flint, MI with the lead exposure, in the near future you will have to get rid of all the lead in your system. You can inform your customers how to reduce the chance of exposure to lead. Here are some examples:

Only use water from the cold tap for drinking and cooking.

If the tap has not been used in more than half an hour, flush water through the faucet for 30 seconds to a minute before using it.

Remove and clean the aerator on the faucet (also called screens) on a regular basis.

Just remember there will probably be more sampling coming down the road, so happy sampling.