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Do you guys fall on the side of continuing to use bottled water? Or perhaps continuing to use it in homes where those service lines, plumbing and fixtures are known to be a problem?

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) [mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov]
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We agree it is unlikely that phosphates have yet had time to coat pipes throughout the system. In other locations around the country, this has been shown to take up to several months.

The DEQ has processed hundreds of water samples from Flint residents in recent months, and the reliable pattern we see is that lead impacts are site specific. Homeowners with lead service lines, older copper plumbing or older brass and lead fixtures in their homes are encouraged to get their water tested. Everyone with these conditions in their residential plumbing should take steps to become aware of potential lead exposure. Even after a protective coating has been established in the pipes, lead fixtures and service lines can impart lead in a home's water.

The State of Michigan continues implementing the steps in the Governor's plan to protect Flint kids and families. The City is now on Detroit's water, and the Flint received approval of its supplemental corrosion control plan last week. The city's technical advisory continues to meet. A second round of filters is now available to residents. Teams have been testing water in Flint schools and will have data to share next week. Several events are planned to offer free blood testing for kids. Residents continue to take advantage of free home water testing from the state, and we want to encourage residents who have concerns to take part in this free testing.

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