

Lead

**Test Your Drinking Water
To Protect Your Family
From Lead**

in

Water

Certain areas of Missouri may have high levels of lead in groundwater due to naturally occurring lead deposits and from lead mining.

Although water supplied by public water systems is required to meet federal drinking water quality standards, private well owners are responsible for the safety of their own water. Therefore, it is especially important for those with private wells to test their water.

In addition, any home may have lead in household plumbing. Therefore, even those supplied by public water systems should test their water.

Exposure to lead can be a significant health concern. It is estimated that 10-20 percent of exposure to lead may come from drinking water.

You cannot see, taste or smell lead in water. Testing is the only way to know whether there are harmful levels of lead in drinking water.

To have your water tested for lead, inquire with your local health department or call the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at 573-751-6102.