

WATER FILTER GUIDE

TULSA'S SAFE TAP WATER

Tulsa's drinking water is lead-free when it leaves the City's water treatment plants and travels through the distribution system. In addition, the City of Tulsa Water and Sewer Department conducts hundreds of water tests each week to ensure your drinking water supply is safe and exceeds federal standards.



REDUCING POTENTIAL LEAD EXPOSURE

While water leaves the City's treatment facilities lead-free, exposure to lead is possible if water passes through lead service lines and other lead sources (such as plumbing fixtures).

Pregnant women and children under age six should use filtered tap water for drinking and cooking until all sources of lead have been removed. This includes water used for making ice, beverages and infant formula. Filters certified for lead removal are required to meet NSF Standard 53.

CHOOSING A HOME WATER TREATMENT DEVICE

If there's a chance you may have lead service lines or plumbing and want to reduce potential lead exposure in your home, the information to the right offers several tips for selecting a home water treatment device.

Types of Water Filters

- Various styles and types of water treatment devices are certified to remove a range of contaminants from water, in addition to reducing odor and improving taste. You should choose the type of filter that best fits your needs.
- We recommend devices that are installed at your faucet tap (also known as point-of-use) or a pitcher-style filter. Any type of water treatment device that you choose should meet National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) standards.

Certified Filters

- Independent agencies certify filters to meet NSF standards and manufacturer claims. For more information about NSF-certified filters, contact:
 - NSF International:
www.nsf.org/Certified/DWTU
or call **1-800-673-8010**
 - Water Quality Association:
www.wqa.org or call **1-630-505-0160**

Water Filter Maintenance

- It's important to routinely replace filter cartridges according to the manufacturer's instructions. Over time, a filter can accumulate metals and bacteria.

Cost of Filter and Replacement Cartridges

- Water filters and standard cartridges can vary in their longevity (length of use) and replacement cost.



If you have questions about your drinking water or if you are experiencing water quality issues, please call **(918) 591-4384**.