



**POST-FLUSHING DATA UPDATE
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Results are for samples taken after running faucet for two to three minutes.

Before we provide some helpful background, here's an important update:

After weeks of studying and now having a better understanding the situation, we want our customers to know that that **you *can* drink, cook, make ice cubes and make formula with your tap water *if* you:**

- 1. Run your faucets for 2 to 3 minutes before use if you have not used your water in six or more hours AND,**
- 2. After running the tap, filter your water through pitchers or faucet filters certified by the NSF to reduce lead.**

Aqua Illinois has been proactively investigating and resolving the lead situation in University Park. In addition to the IEPA-required compliance sampling that shows lead results for water that has been stagnant in pipes for more than six hours, another data set we are examining measures lead in water after two to three minutes of flushing. We call these data "post-flushing data." These data demonstrate how running your water for two to three minutes reduces lead levels. This flushing allows homes and businesses to draw fresh water from the system. Data from samples taken after running the faucet for two to three minutes represent more typical exposure during the course of a normal day.

