

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Milltown Water Department found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings in our community. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children, 6 years and younger. The action level for lead is based on a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. This means that 10% of samples collected must not exceed the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in Milltown was 20.9 ppb.

Lead is a common metal found in the environment. Drinking water is one possible source of lead exposure. The main source of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or soil.

Running your cold water for 15 – 30 seconds can help reduce exposure to lead in drinking water. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead levels in drinking water.

Call Milltown Water Department at (732) 828-2100, extension 136 or visit our Web site at <http://www.milltownnj.org/> for additional information including how to get your water tested for lead. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or contact your *health care provider*.

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