

Keep the Lead Out!

Finding a Plumber



Looking for Lead Pipes and Fixtures? Enlist a Professional

There is growing awareness that some homes in the community may have lead-based water pipes, fixtures or plumbing. While most people know that lead presents health concerns—especially for infants, young children and developing fetuses—many people don't know how to find out whether their home is lead-free.

The water leaving our community's treatment facility is free from lead, but the metal can be introduced to your water as it passes through pipes connecting older homes to the City's water distribution system or in-home plumbing and fixtures. Do you know if your home is at risk?

For most of us, finding out requires enlisting the help of a qualified plumber. Here are a few things to consider in making your choice:

- Make sure the plumber is licensed and insured. You can contact the City of East Moline's plumbing inspector for a list of licensed plumbers in our area.
- Do an online search with the company name and the word "reviews." Even outside of the paid evaluation sites, many customers will post feedback.
- Ask in advance how much the plumber will charge (either flat fee or hourly rate) for the investigation, and always get at least two bids for the service.
- Ask friends and neighbors for referrals.

No level of lead is considered safe, so the ultimate solution is to remove all potential sources of lead from your home. Join us in helping to make our community lead-free. Contact Leath Drake or Brianna Huber at 309-752-1520 to learn more about how to get the lead out!