



# Wisconsin's Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Program

Offering **free** water testing for licensed child care centers!

The Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Initiative offers **free lead-in-water sampling and plumbing fixes** to child care facilities around Wisconsin. Join us in our efforts to give all of Wisconsin's children access to safe drinking water!

## Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

### What to know



#### Why am I being contacted?

You are an eligible licensed child care facility, and your local health department recently started offering this program in your area.



#### How much does it cost?

This program is **free** for all eligible child care facilities! The only commitment is a few mornings of water testing.



#### How do I sign up?

Reach out to your local health department to sign up. Contact information can be found on the following page.

### About lead in water

#### Why does my center's water need to be tested?

Up until 2014, water faucets were allowed to be made with up to 8% lead by weighted average. It's important to know where lead might be hiding.

#### Why is lead so dangerous?

All exposure to lead is dangerous because it builds up in the body over time. Children who are exposed to lead can face life-long challenges, such as lower IQ, behavioral problems, slowed growth, anemia, speech and language delays, and hearing problems.



## About the program

### Who is participating?

The Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Program is a statewide program. By the end of 2025, **over 580 child care centers** have taken part across the state. This program works with licensed group centers, licensed families centers, and all Head Start facilities.

### Am I required to take part?

**No**, participation is not required. This is a voluntary program. However, participation can help support lead-in-water testing that's required by other entities, such as testing for Head Start centers.

### Will my center get in trouble if lead is found?

**Not at all!** This program helps make centers safer by paying for all plumbing replacements, water filters, and do-not-drink signage. We'll never leave you to deal with lead exposure issues alone.

### I got this FAQ from a center in a different jurisdiction. Can I still participate?

**Absolutely!** The first step to take would be to reach out to your local health department to see if they're offering the program in your area. If they aren't, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services will help. We will train your staff on the water sampling process and will send over the necessary water sampling supplies.

## Program timeline

### When does the program end?

Can't sign up today? Get in touch later! The Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Program will currently last until September 2028.



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## For more information

### How can I contact my Local Health Department?

Contact your local health department. Scan the QR code or go to [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lh-depts/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lh-depts/index.htm) to find their contact information.



### Where can I go to learn more?

Visit the Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Initiative's webpage to learn more. Scan the QR code or go to [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/water.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/water.htm).



### How can I get in touch?

Visit the Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Initiative's webpage and fill out the interest form. Scan the QR code or go to [survey.alchemer.com/s3/7904339/Lead-in-Water-Program-Interest](http://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7904339/Lead-in-Water-Program-Interest).

