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Hello,

Many of you have likely been hearing the news out of Flint, Michigan over the past few months about their drinking water contamination. We here at Cedarburg Light & Water have been tuned in to that devastating situation and have fielded some questions from the community on what we are doing to ensure safe drinking water. We'd like to take this opportunity to share that information with you so that you can rest assured that your drinking water is safe.

To help explain the precautions we take, we want to give an overview of the water infrastructure that serves your residence. Each street has a primary water main that runs up the street feeding the service laterals that branch off to each residence. The primary main as well as the portion of the service lateral that runs from the main to your sidewalk, are owned by the utility. The portion of the service lateral that runs from your sidewalk in to your residence is owned by the property owner. Prior to the early 1950's, the service laterals were all made from lead. Once the potential risks associated with lead were realized, service laterals began to be made with copper or polyethylene pipe.

Although lead service laterals still exist in older neighborhoods, there are treatment options available to ensure drinking water that runs through them is safe for consumption. In Cedarburg, we treat our water with an Orthophosphate solution, which creates a barrier between the piping and the water helping to prevent minute amounts of lead and copper from being deposited into the water from service laterals and interior home plumbing. Through regular testing by third-party certified labs, Cedarburg Light & Water routinely monitors for contaminants in our drinking water according to federal and state laws to ensure we are at or below the acceptable standards set by the EPA to make sure your drinking water is safe. *For specifics on the composition of our drinking water, please see the Quality of Your Drinking Water Report, which we update annually:*
http://cedarburglightandwater.org/media/CCR_2014a.pdf.

Cedarburg Light & Water, like many other water utilities, has also been systematically replacing our utility owned service laterals with copper or polyethylene pipes over the past 15 years. This is a costly and time consuming process, but one that we recognize the importance of. With many older homes in our community, it's also important for us to point out that the portion of the service lateral owned by the property owner may still be lead. Although the replacement of this portion is the responsibility of the property owner, we can answer questions you may have about the status of both the utility owned and customer owned portions of your service lateral.

We take pride in serving the City of Cedarburg and have ensured safe drinking water for the last 93 years. Please call us with any questions you may have or for more information on our water, visit the Customer Services - Water Services section on our website at <http://cedarburglightandwater.org>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy D. Martin".

Tim Martin

Water Superintendent