

Do I Qualify for a Free Drinking Water Filter?

A limited supply of free drinking water filter starter kits is available for eligible families through community-based organizations including the Social Development Commission, Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers, and area Women, Infant and Children (WIC) programs.

If you live in the City of Milwaukee and cannot afford a filter, you may be eligible for a free drinking water filter starter kit while supplies last.

To be eligible for a one-time, free drinking water filter starter kit, you must:

- 1. Be a city of Milwaukee resident
- 2. Live in a home with a lead service line. Find out if you have a lead service line by <u>looking up your address here</u> or by calling Milwaukee Water Works Customer Service at (414) 286-2830.
- 3. And have at least one of the following in the home: A child under age 6, pregnant or breastfeeding woman, or woman who may become pregnant (women ages 15-45).

For more information, call the City of Milwaukee Health Department at (414) 286-3521.

- If you live in a home with a lead service line, and do not meet the MHD qualifications, drinking water filters remain widely available at area stores such as Target, Walmart, and area hardware, home stores or online retailers. These filters can be as affordable as \$15 all the way up to a few hundred dollars.
- Before purchasing a drinking water filter, make sure the filter is certified NSF/ANSI Standard 53. Find the certification on the packaging.
- Find a list of certified drinking water filters to remove lead by following the link at the bottom of www.leadsafemke.com