

How Littleton Water Works with Schools and Water Users to Test for Lead

The Littleton Water Department strives to provide safe, clean drinking water to all customers, and the [annual water quality testing](#) shows the water we provide surpasses all state-measures of quality. If any customer has concerns about water quality or experiences an issue, we take it very seriously – especially if a problem arises in our schools.

In the case of the Littleton Public Schools, we applaud their efforts to test the water in the schools and address issues likely caused by lead solder in fixtures and piping. While our testing shows clean water is delivered to customer properties throughout Littleton, sometimes outdated plumbing in a building can introduce lead or other contaminants.

If this happens, it defeats our mission to deliver clean water to every customer. While we cannot perform plumbing on non-LWD pipes, we will work with property owners to provide guidance and technical assistance in understanding the causes and solutions to contamination. LWD has done just that with our colleagues at the Littleton Public Schools, taking tests and offering expertise on how to solve the problem.

Shaker School officials recently sent [a letter to parents](#) outlining measures taken to solve lead issues at Shaker Lane Elementary, a follow up to an issue first identified last fall in a [letter to parents](#). While the steps taken have solved several of the problems, school officials plan to take further action. LWD will be there to support them in any way we can.

Here are some further resources for understanding how lead enters drinking water and the solutions:

[Lead in Drinking Water FAQ for School and Childcare Facilities](#)

[Littleton Water Department FAQ on Concerns About Lead in Drinking Water](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please call LWD at 978-540-2222 and ask to speak to our environmental analyst, Corey Godrey.