

# WATER UPDATE

June 30, 2017

Some reports in the media have been misleading about the recent tests showing lead in Berea's water.

**Our customers deserve to get the whole story.**

## **The water entering and leaving the Water Plant is safe.**

- **Every** test of water entering and leaving the plant consistently shows undetectable amounts of lead.
- **Every** test of water in the distribution lines also shows undetectable amounts of lead.
- The City tests at 30 locations. The action-level results were based on just 15 samples. The remaining 15 samples are still being processed. Therefore, the Ohio EPA considers these to be "interim" results. Recent changes in the law requires the City to issue a notification even though the testing was incomplete.

## **Likely causes of the recent action-level amounts of lead**

Two of the 15 tests were above the action-level threshold. The other 13 tested as undetectable.

In the two action-level situations, there is reason to believe that either (1) the resident deviated from the collection instructions; or (2) there is equipment, such as a water softener or lead plumbing or solder *inside* the home.

Samples from these two locations are being retested by licensed operators.

## **Independent testing**

**The City will reimburse any customer choosing to independently test their water. Instructions and a Request for Reimbursement form is posted below.**

**We will continue to provide updates to our customers as they become available.**