



Consumers can now pay their water bills online; view current and previous bills; billing dates; gallons used; amount billed; and payment due date at [www.lakehurstwater.org](http://www.lakehurstwater.org)

There is a user fee of \$2.50 per transaction for online payments. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and E-checks for your convenience.

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**For all concerns and questions and in case of an emergency call the District's main office number 24 hours a day at 303-985-7895. Calls received outside normal working hours will be answered by the District's answering service and the information will be directed to on call service personnel for assistance.**

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## **Denver Water Lead Reduction Plan**

### ***Why is Lakehurst and Denver Water focused on homes built between 1983 and 1987?***

While homes built between 1983 and 1987 are unlikely to have lead service lines (the primary source of lead in drinking water), Denver Water has found that some homes built between that time period may have lead solder connecting sections of their interior plumbing, which can contribute to the presence of lead in drinking water. Additionally, fixtures and faucets installed prior to 2014 do not meet today's requirements for "lead-free" fixtures and can be a source of lead. Having lead solder or pre-2014 fixtures and faucets doesn't necessarily mean you have elevated levels of lead in your water. But because of the large amount of water formula-fed infants ingest relative to their body size, they are particularly vulnerable to the risks of too much lead entering the body, which can cause serious health problems. This is why Denver Water has a program targeted to formula-fed infants and expecting families in homes built between 1983 and 1987.

In the coming weeks, Denver Water will be sending out letters to all Lakehurst customers that reside in homes built between 1983 and 1987 requesting that expecting families or those with formula-fed infants under the age of 24-months contact Denver Water for a free water quality test kit. If the results show a high lead level, a pitcher, filter and replacement filters will be offered until the child reaches 24 months of age.

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### ***What other steps can I take to reduce the risk of lead exposure?***

In addition to using your pitcher and filter, Denver Water recommends that if water has not been used in the home for a few hours, such as first thing in the morning or after coming home from work, then run cold water from the kitchen or any bathroom faucet for five minutes (you can capture the water and reuse it for gardening, washing your car, etc.). You can also run the dishwasher, take a shower, or do a load of laundry to help flush out water in your internal plumbing before preparing infant formula, drinking or cooking. Denver Water also recommends using only cold water for preparing infant formula, drinking and cooking.

Note that boiling water does not remove lead. You should also regularly clean your faucet's screen, also known as an aerator. For more information on how to reduce the exposure to lead in your household system, please visit [www.denverwater.org/Lead](http://www.denverwater.org/Lead).

## **12 Ways to Winterize Your Home and Prevent Broken Water Pipes This Winter**

October is the perfect month to winterize. There are many things that homeowners can do to make the winter months more comfortable.

- Before winterizing your sprinkler system, check for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and have them repaired to expedite your spring irrigation.
- Winterizing your sprinkler system is simple: turn water off, drain valves, and blow out with compressed air.
- Drain and disconnect your swamp cooler before temperatures drop below freezing.
- Clean your gutters; once the leaves fall, remove debris and rinse with a garden hose so melting snow and rain can drain properly.
- Clogged drains can cause water to pool and freeze, producing hazardous conditions.
- Make sure that garden hoses are disconnected from outside faucets.
- Check your furnace to make sure it's working before the cold days of winter descend and don't forget to change the filters.
- Insulate any gaps between the foundation and the framing of homes and insulate areas that have water pipes in outside walls to help protect against freezing.

- Seal outside leaks with weather-resistant caulk. Use masonry sealer for brick areas, which withstands the elements of weather.
- Remove screens and replace with storm windows.
- Insulated covers for outside faucets are available at hardware stores.
- Reversing your ceiling fan will push warm air down forcing it to recirculate; Blades should be turning clockwise.
- Keeping garage doors closed during very cold weather will help to prevent water pipes above the garage or in garage walls from freezing.

## **Do You Know Where Your Shut-Off Valve is Located**

***Do you know where your main water shut-off is?***

***Have you inspected it lately for ease of use or a leak?***

Because shut-off valves are often located in the basement or crawlspace, they are frequently ignored until a problem arises. A small drip can lead to mold or damage to possessions and your home. Minerals can build up and make it difficult to operate when you need to turn off water for a repair.

If your main shut-off valve is old and hard to operate, a licensed plumber can replace it with a newer model before a leak occurs and larger issues arise.

## **Automatic Payment Plan is Available**

Lakehurst water is offering an automatic payment plan that is free of charge. You may draw off either your checking or savings account. Joint accounts must be signed by both parties and a voided check attached. You will continue to receive your monthly statement and the balance will automatically be drawn from your account on the 20th of each month.

Automatic payments begin the following month the form is received in our office. You may opt out at any time by returning the Opt-out portion on the bottom of the form.

Additional automatic payment forms are available at [Lakehurstwater.org](http://Lakehurstwater.org). Click on district forms tab and to the left an ACH (auto clearing house) sign up form is available for printing.