

# Lead in Water Mitigation is Complete: Now What?

Now that you have completed mitigation at your drinking and cooking taps that tested at or above the state action level of 10 parts per billion (10 ppb), here's what to expect and what next steps to take.

## 1. Document Mitigation Actions



This first step depends on whether your facility selected full, partial, or no mitigation service.

### Full Service

All products and labor are paid for and completed by our program.

Our team documents mitigation actions and completion on your facility's behalf in the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids portal. All actions will be publicly available on the [facility data mapper](#).

### Partial Service

Products provided by our program, but your facility coordinates its own contractor or staff for labor.

Mitigation actions and completion must be documented by your facility in the program portal. This step is required prior to notifying your local or state health official that your facility is ready for post-mitigation sampling.

\*Reimbursement requests can be submitted for labor charges from external plumbing contractors. Contact our team at [3ckwatermitigation@rti.org](mailto:3ckwatermitigation@rti.org) with any questions.

### No Service

Facilities purchase their own replacement plumbing products and coordinate their own contractor or staff for labor.

Mitigation actions and completion must be documented by your facility in the program portal. This step is required prior to notifying your local or state health official that your facility is ready for post-mitigation sampling.

## 2. Flushing



Regularly run the water through any newly installed faucet or fountains. It is recommended to run the water for at least 30 seconds at least four times a day until post-mitigation sampling occurs.

**The new fixture can be used for handwashing but should not be used for cooking or drinking until post-mitigation sampling confirms that lead levels are below the state action level.**

### 3. Post-mitigation Sampling



#### Child Care Centers & Schools

A local or state health official will contact your facility to schedule post-mitigation sampling.

#### Family Child Care Homes

Our program will ship a post-mitigation sampling kit and instructions to your facility.

Post-mitigation sampling should be scheduled at least 3 weeks after the installation of any newly installed faucet or fountain to allow for proper flushing.

### 4. View Your Results



Results from the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health will be publicly available on the [facility data mapper](#).

### 5. Make A Plan



Properly maintain your facility's drinking and cooking water by developing a drinking water management plan. Follow our program's guide at [bit.ly/CWUSK-H2O-plan](https://bit.ly/CWUSK-H2O-plan). It is an easy step to ensure your facility's water is safe for drinking and cooking.

### REMINDER FOR WATER FILTERS

For any water filters installed at your facility, be sure to record the make and model of the filter cartridge so you can order replacement cartridges.

All filter cartridges supplied by our program should be replaced at least every 12 months.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [How to Choose a Water Filter to Remove Lead](#)
- [How to Select and Install a Lead-free Faucet](#)
- [How to Develop a Drinking Water Management Plan](#)