



UM-FLINT CAMPUS WATER INFORMATION

IS THE WATER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT SAFE?

The University of Michigan-Flint has taken all necessary measures to ensure drinking water on campus — in all facilities including classrooms, residence halls, childcare, and cooking facilities — is safe, filtered, and regularly tested.

The University began water testing in the fall of 2014 in response to a “boil water advisory” from the city of Flint. The University was not within the geographic area impacted by the advisory, but it raised concerns about water quality in the Flint water system. The University responded by proactively instituting regular, independent testing of water quality across campus.

Over the last two years in secluded instances when tests showed unacceptable results — we took action, filtering water or in some instances entirely removing problematic fixtures.

The City of Flint switched back to Detroit as a water source in October 2015. We continue to use and maintain filters throughout campus as a precautionary measure. Our latest testing in May showed non-detectable lead levels in the vast majority of places and zero elevated lead levels on campus — even when filters were removed to test the water.

Additional information, including water testing results, are available at www.umflint.edu/campus-water.

WHAT KIND OF WATER FILTERS DOES UM-FLINT USE?

The University uses NSF 42 and 53 certified water filters. Fountains and faucets throughout campus have “Filtered Water” stickers affixed to them so you can be sure your water is filtered. For a complete list of campus filtered water locations see the campus water information page.

Source: UM-Flint Environmental Health and Safety

HOW IS UM-FLINT HELPING THE COMMUNITY?

In this time of crisis, the University has both the opportunity and the obligation to be of service. Part of the central mission of the University of Michigan-Flint, as a regional comprehensive university, is to contribute to the wellbeing of our community. The University is working in partnership to identify needs and contribute to a greater education and awareness. In fact, the University’s faculty, staff and students are involved in the water crisis at every level.

- Campus hosted the first large-scale community filter distribution in October, giving out 3,000 filters in a single day.
- UM-Flint’s GIS mapping center is the primary organization analyzing Flint’s water infrastructure and identify its problems
- Public Health and Health Sciences is providing a course on the Flint water crisis free of charge to the community
- Nursing faculty and students are committed to providing free lead screening until 100 percent of at-risk children are tested
- Our expert health and safety staff as well as faculty serve on a number of community boards that have been leading voices in identifying and now responding to the water crisis.
- All three campuses of the University of Michigan are coming together to provide faculty expertise and U-M President Mark Schlissel has provided \$100,000 in seed funding for university faculty research initiatives.