

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Reporting Requirements Not Met for the Hardyston Township Municipal Utility Authority System – Indian Field (NJ1911005)

We violated a drinking water requirement. Our water system failed to submit an optimal corrosion control treatment (OCCT) recommendation and Source water treatment (SWT) recommendation, thereby violating a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

### What happened?

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests showed COPPER levels in the water above the action level during the monitoring period of January 2025 – June 2025. Specifically, the 90th percentile value of 20 samples collected during the monitoring period was 1.36 milligrams per liter (mg/L) which exceeded the action level of 1.3 mg/L.

Due to the exceedance, we were required to submit an OCCT recommendation and SWT recommendation to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. The OCCT and SWT recommendation should have been completed and submitted by December 31, 2025.

The Authority notified you of this exceedance on November 19, 2025. There has been no exceedance since the monitoring period during which the exceedance occurred, and the Authority continues to implement all OCCT and SWT recommendations.

### What should I do?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal physician.

**You do not need to use an alternate water supply (e.g., bottled water).** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Additionally, if you would like to reduce your potential exposure to lead and/or copper in drinking water, you may choose to take the following steps:

- Run water to flush out lead and/or copper. Run water for 15 – 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking if it hasn't been used for several hours.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; Lead dissolves more quickly into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
- Do not boil water. Boiling water will not reduce lead and/or copper levels.
- Regularly remove and clean aerators/screens on plumbing fixtures. Over time, particles and sediment can collect in the aerator screen. Regularly remove and clean aerators screens located at the tip of faucets and remove any particles.

*For additional steps you may take to reduce your exposure to lead in drinking water, see <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-consumer.html>.*

**What is being done?**

The OCCT and SWT recommendations will be submitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection by May 31, 2026.

For more information, please contact Carrine Kaufer, MUA Administrator at (973)823-7020 or by mailing at 149 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston, NJ 07419.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\**

This notice is being sent to you by the Hardyston Township Hardyston Municipal Utilities Authority.  
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