

7th October 2008

**To Each Resident of Marian Avenue, Ennis
Important Water Quality Notice – Applicable to Marian Avenue,
Ennis, Only**

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Following testing by Clare County Council, elevated levels of lead were detected in the drinking water in one house in Marian Avenue, Ennis. The resident in question has been notified of this. Further testing by Clare County Council is continuing.

Water to Marian Avenue is supplied by lead distribution pipes. (The distribution pipe is the pipe which connects the service pipe to the mains pipe.)

Arising from the elevated lead result, as a precaution, Clare County Council, in consultation with the Health Service Executive, are advising all customers in Marian Avenue not to drink the water or use the water for food preparation, until further notice. An alternative water supply should be used. Discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and discard filtered water in fridges.

The water is safe for bathing, brushing teeth, showering, washing dishes and clothes.

Two temporary drinking water supply push taps are being provided for your use at either end of Marian Avenue.

While the water produced by Clare County Council does not contain lead, lead can be present in plumbing and water pipes in older buildings and can get into the drinking water. Boiling water does not remove lead. Further advice will be issued by Clare County Council to each householder in Marian Avenue in the near future as to whether they need to examine/review their internal/domestic plumbing. Clare County Council will also be arranging replacement of the lead distribution pipes in Marian Avenue.

Should you have any further queries for the local authority in regard to this notice, please phone 6846505 or 6846430.

Attached also for your information is a letter to Marian Avenue residents from the public health department of the Health Service Executive and a general leaflet on lead in drinking water.

This advice to Marian Avenue residents not to consume the water is effective until further notice.

Yours sincerely,

David Timlin
Director of Services

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