



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

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Important information about your drinking water

Use bottled water for infants

Anyone with significant liver disease may wish to use bottled water

City water samples found to have elevated levels of manganese

Since making initial recommendations on manganese in drinking water in Battle Creek, medical toxicologists at the State of Michigan Poison Control Center have reviewed additional studies.

It is still recommended that infants less than 12 months of age use bottled water for anything they eat or drink, until further notice.

In addition, given further information from a limited number of studies – and out of an abundance of caution – adults and children with known, significant liver disease may wish to consider using bottled water for anything they eat and drink, until further notice.

Why?

Manganese leaves the body through the liver and goes into feces (poop). For this reason, adults and children with known, significant liver disease may be less able to rid excess manganese from the body.

What is significant liver disease?

Examples include end-stage liver disease or conditions where a person's skin or eyes are very yellow (jaundice). Significant liver disease is more than having a current or past history of hepatitis. Talk to your healthcare provider for more information on significant liver disease.

A healthcare provider of the Michigan Poison Control Center – 800-222-1222 – can assist you with further questions about your level of liver disease.