



OKLAHOMA DRINKING WATER

LEAD TESTING

IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE FACILITIES

Lead Remediation Funding

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is leading the voluntary Lead Testing in Schools & Child Care Facilities Drinking Water (LWSC) Program in order to ensure safe drinking water in Oklahoma childcare facilities. DEQ is offering monetary assistance to qualifying facilities to cover the costs associated with addressing lead issues identified through the LWSC program.

Eligibility for Funding

- Be a public school or public childcare facility
- Complete all requirements of the LWSC program
- Receive confirmation of lead impacted plumbing or fixtures which exceeds the program remediation trigger of 1.0 parts per billion (ppb)
- Provide a cost estimate of work needed to remove and replace and/or abate lead impacted plumbing or fixtures



Reimbursement Process

1. Receive sample results of fixtures with greater than or equal to 1.0 ppb lead from DEQ.
2. Determine abatement and/or removal and replacement plans for each effected outlet.
Submit this 'remediation plan' to DEQ for approval.
3. Request financial assistance from DEQ by submitting an 'Application for Reimbursement'
4. Submit a cost estimate of remediation efforts
5. Enter into an 'Intergovernmental Agreement' with DEQ which outlines requirements for reimbursement and responsibilities of both parties
6. Have work completed and verified
7. Receive reimbursement funding from DEQ
8. Complete follow-up sampling with DEQ to confirm that remediation efforts were successful

Other Program Requirements

- The total cost of remediation must be greater than \$500 (can include labor costs).
- The facility must complete abatement and/or removal and replacement of plumbing fixtures within 6 months of entering into an agreement with DEQ.
- The facility must provide verification that the remediation efforts have been completed **before** DEQ will reimburse the funds.
- Work must be completed in compliance with all applicable plumbing regulations and codes.
- All newly installed plumbing and fixtures must be NSF/ANSI 61 certified.

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