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State offering extended, weekend hours for water filter distribution at Lippincott GCCARD
Nearly 5,000 NSF certified filters issued by MDHHS to Flint residents since Monday

LANSING, Mich. – Flint residents and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients with a city of Flint water bill will now be able to take advantage of extended hours this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department 2727 Lippincott location. Extended hours will be offered at the Lippincott facility only, and will run until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The other three locations will maintain 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. operating hours, Monday through Friday, for filter pick up.

Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive, reemphasized that the Brita SAFF-100 filters being distributed by the department and GCCARD do meet the NSF/ANSI 53 standards for drinking water treatment units.

“The Brita faucet filtration system that we are distributing to residents are National Sanitation Foundation certified to reduce lead in drinking water,” said Dr. Eden Wells. “When connected appropriately, these filters improve water quality by filtering out contaminants including lead, chlorine, benzene and other chemicals.”

Since Monday when MDHHS announced that free water filters would be distributed at four Flint locations, the state and GCCARD have partnered to issue approximately 5,000 free NSF certified water filters to residents that are on the city of Flint water system. The distribution of filters is part of the administration’s comprehensive approach to addressing water concerns in the area. These NSF certified water filters remove lead in the water administered through water taps in homes.

MDHHS clients and residents with a city of Flint water bill may take advantage of the extended hours at the Lippincott GCCARD. During the regular business hours, MDHHS clients are encouraged to visit either the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office location; residents on Flint water who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs should visit the GCCARD offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw. Staff will be onsite at all four locations to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

MDHHS clients in the city of Flint who are active recipients should bring valid identification and a copy of their water bill to their local MDHHS office. Flint residents who are not active MDHHS clients should bring identification and their city of Flint water bill to a GCCARD location.

MDHHS is urging all residents do their part to prevent elevated blood lead levels in children. For more information prevention, visit www.michigan.gov/lead, or contact your local health department. For updates on Flint water and resources, visit www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

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