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## NEWS

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# FLINT WATER INFO

what went wrong -and-  
what you can do to help

## HOW TO HELP

**Encourage City of Flint residents looking for assistance to call 211 or visit [mi211.org](http://mi211.org).** For general up-to-date information or questions, they should contact Catholic Charities of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties at 810-785-6911, [www.catholiccharitiesflint.org/flint-water-crisis](http://www.catholiccharitiesflint.org/flint-water-crisis), or the Center for Hope at 810-232-9950, ext. 325.

### **Primary short-term objective: Import water into the city**

Each of Flint's 100,000 Citizens needs between two and three cases of bottled water per day in order to meet cleaning, cooking, and bathing needs. Distributors are struggling to provide one case per Citizen. One of the best things to do is take water to Flint. Use sealed bottles and/or jugs. Even without a plan, if you take water to Flint, you WILL find someone who needs it NOW.

### **Deliver truckloads of water to the central hub:**

**Food Bank of Eastern Michigan**  
2300 Lapeer Road, Flint, MI 48503  
Telephone: 810-239-4441

### **Deliver cases of water to distributors:**

<b>Center for Hope</b>	<b>North End Soup Kitchen</b>
901 Chippewa Street	735 E. Stewart Avenue
Flint, MI 48503	Flint, MI 48505
Telephone: 810-232-9950	Telephone: 810-785-6911

### **Flint Fire Department Administration:**

(Handles information requests for all stations.)  
Telephone: 810-762-7336

### **Fire stations:**

- 310 E. 5th Street
- 716 W. Pierson Road
- 1525 Martin Luther King Avenue
- 3402 Western Road
- 202 E. Atherton Road

### **Remote drop-off points:**

**Owosso Community Closet and Food Pantry**  
120 W. Exchange Street, Suite 300, Owosso, MI 48867  
Telephone: 989-723-8239

**Organizations working to import water need financial and material support:** Donate to area groups like United Way of Genesee County (see <http://ow.ly/Xat8H>). Volunteer your time and labor also. Local efforts continue to pop up around the state. Keep an eye and ear out for nearby water drives or organize one yourself!

### **Contact your state representative and senator:**

Senate information: 517-373-2400, <http://ow.ly/XbZPF>  
House information: 517-373-6339, <http://ow.ly/XbZXv>

## STAY INFORMED

See Flint Water Response Team site, [www.helpforflint.com](http://www.helpforflint.com), which provides information for residents and volunteers. See also [www.flintkids.org](http://www.flintkids.org).

## NEWS

For information on the day-to-day situation, we recommend independent local news programs and social media:

- “*Hashtag Flint*” YouTube channel: AllpointsTV
- Flint Water Scandal: Facebook.com/FWS810
- Water You Fighting For: Facebook.com/WaterYouFightingFor
- “Undrinkable: The Flint Water Emergency” (26-minute documentary) <https://youtu.be/TA53UEr2vaQ>

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## From the Admin's Desk: Citizens Taking Agency - Flint's Lesson for Us All

*Wes Raymond, CACC Administrator*

Citizens of Flint have been exposed to E. coli, trihalomethanes, lead, and now another possible result of this water mistreatment -- a rise in Legionnaires' disease. "Crisis" is not a strong enough word to describe this. In the streets and churches of Flint, people are calling it murder.

The People of Flint have re-empowered themselves, loudly and proudly demanding answers and accountability. After a two-year struggle, the Snyder administration is finally responding with something more than unsubstantiated reassurance. The People press on, demanding to know who knew what and when they knew it. Above all, they demand clean water.

On January 14, hundreds of Flint Citizens filled the Capitol rotunda, chanting for the governor's resignation. Snyder worked late that night, on the phone with Washington D.C., pleading for a federal emergency declaration. The chants must continue until the guilty parties realize their mistake was to de-prioritize Citizens at every turn.

*Jan. 14 Capitol protest*



The system imposed on us relies on unmet human needs. It has no motivation to meet human needs in any meaningful long-term way. This system idolizes the economic and social sovereignty of the individual. It cannot accept any notion of interdependent group identity or class-consciousness. A new system must be developed, and a seed of that new system is taking root in Flint.

The lesson for us all? We must re-empower ourselves! Flint is now part of a global network of Citizens taking agency over their own communities; "Agency" is defined as "action or intervention to produce a particular result." We must support the efforts of the People of Flint, so we can follow their lead as we build an ecologically and socially equitable, autonomous society.



*Flint water filter Credit: Kevin Wood*



## In The News

### Microbeads Banned!

Thanks to work from many activists there will be no more microbeads from facial cleansers or body washes contaminating our rivers, lakes and oceans! <http://ow.ly/XbHIR>

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### Feds Move Slightly Closer to Ending Public Land Coal Extraction

The Obama administration announced it is stopping most new coal leasing on America's public lands, while reforms are developed and put into place. <http://ow.ly/X9zDs>

### MSU to End Coal-Fired Power

Michigan State University's T.B. Simon Power Plant will switch completely to natural gas after the last of its coal reserves are expended sometime early this year. <http://ow.ly/X9AIB>

### Legionnaires' Threat Hidden for Over a Year

Documents obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request by the Flint Journal and MLive.com show city, county and state health officials identified the Flint River as a potential source of Legionnaires' disease as early as October 2014, but people using the water were never told until January 2016. Former Mayor Walling confirmed he was told of the issue in March 2015. <http://ow.ly/Xcg1C>

## REDUCING LEAD POISONING

Good nutrition minimizes the amount of lead that is absorbed and stored in a child's bones. A child's body requires certain minerals, especially calcium and iron. Lead absorption is increased when these minerals are deficient. Vitamin C helps absorb more iron and calcium. An empty stomach absorbs more lead, so schedule meals and snacks evenly throughout the day. See <http://ow.ly/XpFdd> for more detailed information. According to a study by the Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health (MNCEH), lead poisoning is the number one environmental health risk to Michigan children. Lead poisoning is not easy to detect — even people who seem healthy can have high blood levels of lead. Signs and symptoms usually don't appear until dangerous amounts have accumulated. Test kits that detect lead in water are available at hardware retailers, often for less than \$20. See the MNCEH study here: [www.mnceh.org/node/296](http://www.mnceh.org/node/296)

## Voices of The People

We asked the Citizens of Flint to use *CACC News* as a vehicle for their messages. Here are a few of their viewpoints:

### David McKinley

I think this will be the death of Flint. Nobody in the government cares about this city, it is an albatross around the neck of Michigan, is how they feel. The people in Flint are poor, disposable people that Michigan would be better off without, they think. The children have no future, and will probably be criminals, is their way of thinking. Will the rest of Michigan, and this great country, sit by and watch 100,000 of its fellow Citizens be poisoned and abandoned by the very people that are supposed to serve and protect? Will you use your voice to help, or sit back quietly and let someone, who has done nothing, die, or watch their children die? Flint needs help, if you care, CALL your Senator and Congress person. Speak up for Flint....Help Save our KIDS!

### Bruce M. Stiers

I'm glad Mayor Weaver is the mayor. Council members need to get out in the streets more often. Take a look at the wards they represent and ask victims if they are prepared to relocate as the "shrinking cities master plan" calls for total elimination of entire quadrants of neighborhoods, returning them back to primeval forest. I'm in this for the rights of the victims to be restored. They have a right to the truth.

### #JugLifeWater

We need to get cameras [in the water treatment plant]. Livestream to your home so you can see what they're doing! That'll be the education for our kids. We need to take our kids through there to understand how a water plant works so this will never happen again! All over the cities of America, our children need to know how the water works that they drink every day, and this will be the example to them: livestreaming cameras in that plant, so people will be accountable for what they're doing. Then we'll learn, and teach our kids. That's what you call "water warriors." We will be responsible and accountable for our own communities!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**May 14, 2016.** 350 Picture Event (climate information and group photo to spread awareness), sponsored by Lone Tree Council and Saginaw Valley Sustainability Society at Veteran’s Park, Bay City, 6 p.m. Email pat3race4@gmail.com for more information.

**June 5, 2016.** CACC General Membership Meeting, Bengel Wildlife Center, Bath, 9:30 a.m. Open to the public! Visit <http://caccmi.org/gmm> for information.

**June 10-12, 2016.** Buttermilk Jamboree at Circle Pines Center (music and art festival), Delton. See [www.buttermilkjamboree.org](http://www.buttermilkjamboree.org) for more information.

**August 9, 2016.** Rally at the Capitol building, Lansing, 2 p.m. Make the Monarch Butterfly Michigan’s Official State Insect! See <http://ow.ly/XbY7K> for details.

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