

# **PRESS RELEASE**

North Tipperary Local Authorities  
Health Service Executive

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## **LEAD IN DRINKING WATER – THURLES**

North Tipperary Local Authorities and Health Service Executive have carried out sampling of drinking water at targeted locations in Thurles. Results were received in the last 48 hours. There are elevated levels of lead in the water at a **small** number of different locations. Indications are that about **60 houses in Thurles** may be affected. The affected areas include :

Kincora Terrace  
Dalcassian Terrace, Kickham Street  
Derheen (Part of)  
Moyne Terrace, Mitchel Street  
McDonagh Terrace, Mitchel Street  
Cabra Terrace, Stradavoher

Lead in drinking water comes from old lead pipes in premises and/or adjacent water pipes.

Boiling water DOES NOT remove lead.

Lead can build up in the body and cause harm, particularly in young children and unborn babies.

The following actions are being undertaken:

1. Each house affected is being visited by a Staff member of County Council today and advised.
2. Unfit Water Notices are being issued to each affected house.
3. Taps are established on adjacent streets not affected. These locations have been tested and are compliant.
4. Arrangements will be made to assist those with particular needs.
5. Council staff are assessing the cause of the lead occurrences and will take appropriate action or issue appropriate advice to householders.
6. EPA have been notified.

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Director of Service