

# PRESS RELEASE

North Tipperary Local Authorities

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## LEAD IN DRINKING WATER – THURLES UPDATE 9 OCTOBER 2008

North Tipperary Local Authorities and Health Service Executive have carried out sampling of drinking water at targeted locations in Thurles. Results were received late on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. 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 Desmond and Geraldine Terraces, Kickham Street  
Derheen (Part of)  
Moynes Terrace, Mitchel Street  
McDonagh Terrace, Mitchel Street  
Cabra Terrace, Stradavoher

All households within the affected areas have been visited by Council staff and advised on the situation.

1. Alternate supplies of potable water have been set up for the affected areas. Stand pipes with taps are in place on adjacent streets. Water from these locations was tested by Health Service Executive and is fully compliant with the Drinking Water Regulations.
2. For safety reasons the taps at the hydrants will be available from 7.30 AM to 9 PM.
3. For greater ease of householders, water tankers will be used in the short term at two locations. These tankers are in the Derheen Estate and Mitchel St.
4. Detailed assessments of pipe work in the affected areas, is underway. Council staff are calling to each house in these areas to determine details of the pipework in and around these houses. Cooperation and assistance from each householder is requested to speed up this process.
5. A programme of action will be determined following completion of the detailed assessments. North Tipperary Local Authorities confirm that any Council pipework made from lead will be replaced. Householders will be advised to replace lead pipes within their own properties.
6. North Tipperary Local Authorities will commence further risk assessments of other areas in Thurles next week. This work will be carried out in conjunction with targeted sampling of water by the Health Service Executive.

Further updates will be issued on a regular basis.

**SIGNED:**  
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