

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR DRINKING WATER

- The City of Buffalo's water intake is located 1 ¼ miles off-shore in Lake Erie's Emerald Channel. A location known for superior clarity and reliable water quality.
- As one of the most significant systems in New York, *Buffalo Water* has invested over \$95 million in capital improvements over the past 10 years to improve and maintain our water system.
- While lead may be present in service lines and plumbing fixtures, *Buffalo Water* has taken a proactive approach to minimize corrosion and leaching by adding a phosphate-based corrosion inhibitor. The addition of the phosphate-based corrosion inhibitor creates a protective layer inside plumbing systems, minimizing the potential for contaminants, such as lead, to leach into your tap water.
- In many older homes, where the presence of lead in service lines and plumbing fixtures is presumed, *Buffalo Water* encourages customers to allow tap water to flow for 30 seconds-2 minutes (or until you feel a change in temperature) before using, to minimize any contaminant exposure.
- As always, if you are concerned about elevated levels of lead in your home's plumbing, please contact Mayor Byron W. Brown's 3-1-1 Call and Resolution Center to have your water tested by *Buffalo Water*.
- For detailed information on the quality of your tap water be sure to review the 2015 Water Quality Report