



# Genesee County Health Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date:** October 5, 2015  
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**RE:** Current Water Filter Distribution

**Flint, MI** --Several area organizations will continue to distribute the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified water filters to Flint residents. As of today filters have been distributed by the following organizations: 1,500 by Concerned Pastors for Social Action and 4,000 distributed by the Genesee County Health Department on behalf of the United Way of Genesee County.

Free water filters will be available to current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients and Flint residents at four locations beginning Tuesday, October 6, at 9 a.m. to 4 pm through a partnership between the MDHHS and the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department. Free National Sanitation Foundation certified water filters are being provided to Flint residents as part of the administration's comprehensive approach to addressing water concerns in the area.

Current MDHHS clients are encouraged to visit either the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office location to obtain a free, certified home water filter. Residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs should visit the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices located at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be onsite at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

MDHHS clients in the city of Flint who are active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients should bring valid identification and a copy of their water bill to their local MDHHS office to receive their filter free of charge. Flint residents who are not active MDHHS clients should bring identification and their water bill to the GCCARD location.

With funding from MDHHS, Flint Housing Commission will distribute 1,800 water filters.

The United Way is working with Flint Community Schools to secure water filter systems that will be installed in every school classroom in the city of Flint. ZeroWater plans to donate 5,000 portable tumblers to the schools. In addition, the United Way, using funds from the General Motors Foundation, will purchase 2,500 23-cup dispensers. The units are expected to arrive this week and will be distributed to all schools in the city of Flint.

Current funding to support the water filter distribution effort has come from the following organizations:  
\$225,000 private funding and grant request to United Way Genesee County  
\$1,000,000 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Other funding is expected to come from other local organizations.

Genesee County Health Department will continue to update Flint residents as more details are available.

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