Zurn Elkay Helps Remove Lead, Microplastics and PFAS from Drinking Water

Zurn Elkay is a 125-year-old U.S. company with 165 employees in Pennsylvania and a mission focused on water — including providing cleaner and safer drinking water for kids. The company supports Filter First legislation in Pennsylvania. Zurn Elkay offers a near-term, cost-effective and complementary solution to the country's much needed infrastructure improvements that will otherwise take a decade or more to complete.

The company's Elkay brand filtered bottle filling stations and drinking fountains remove lead, PFOA/PFOS (PFAS), microplastics and other contaminants from drinking water at the point of use in schools and childcare facilities. Lead is harmful to humans, but in developing children, it's even more detrimental: development and learning delays, lower IQ, behavioral issues, hyperactivity and slowed growth can be linked to even low exposure levels. In addition, lead can leach into the water supply from many different sources on its way to your water bottle: aging lead pipes, fittings and fixtures.

Legislative Solutions. It is important for K-12 schools to be able to access funds to install filtered bottle filling stations, drinking fountains and classroom/kitchen sinks. A ratio of one station per 100 students/staff and one station per floor should be implemented for maximum efficiency. The state of Michigan has already passed a law to require filtration, and Wisconsin, Minnesota, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania have also introduced Filter First legislation. The filters should be certified to NSF/ANSI standards, which ensures a high level of quality with a lead limit of 5ppb. While there is no safe level of lead, Filter First legislation provides an immediate and cost-effective benefit.

Reducing Lead in Schools Made Easy

Lead in schools' drinking water is a serious problem, and Zurn Elkay has the solution: Elkay filtered bottle filling stations and drinking fountains reduce lead and other contaminants to meet NSF/ANSI standards, providing safer, cleaner drinking water, not to mention reducing plastic waste, which saves trash disposal and recycling costs.



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School buildings are both a primary source of drinking water for our children and more likely than other commercial buildings to find lead in that drinking water. For \$1 per student per year, lead in Pennsylvania schools' drinking water is a solvable problem through point-of-use filtration.

Our Filters Remove:



Lead



Chlorine (taste and smell)



Cysts



Sediment



PFOA PFOS (PFAS)



Microplastics

Sustainably Inspired. Named one of America's Greenest Companies 2025 and one of America's Most Responsible Companies for the last five years by *Newsweek* magazine, and one of the World's Best Companies for Sustainable Growth 2025 by *TIME* magazine, Zurn Elkay is headquartered in Wisconsin and employs 2,600 people globally. Its Elkay bottle filling stations and water fountains are manufactured in Illinois. Zurn Elkay also offers an incredible portfolio of additional clean tech products, including hygienic touchless faucets, flush valves and hand dryers, grease separators, pipes, drains, sinks and backflow preventers; we also provide bottle filling stations and filters at no cost to communities in need through our Fountains for Youth program.



One Trusted Supplier

Meeting compliance can be much easier with a single, trusted supplier



Residential Filtered Faucet Solution

All-in-one filtration system provides sustainable hydration



12 Month Filter

Our filters reduce maintenance time and cost