

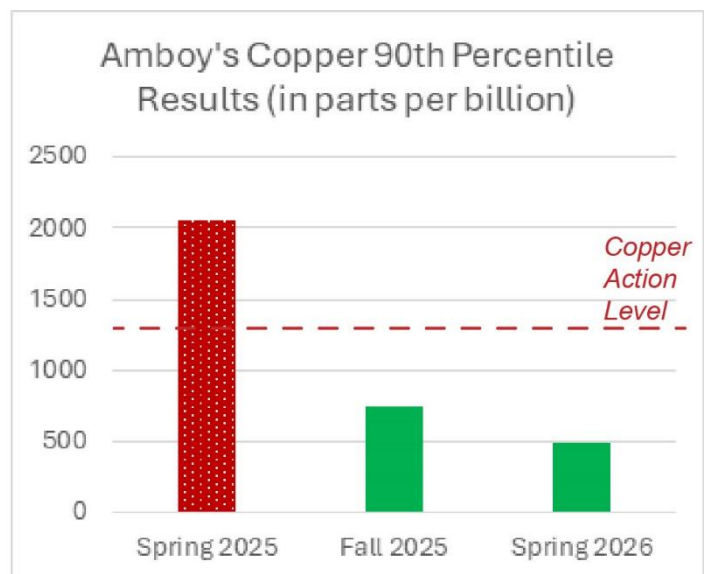
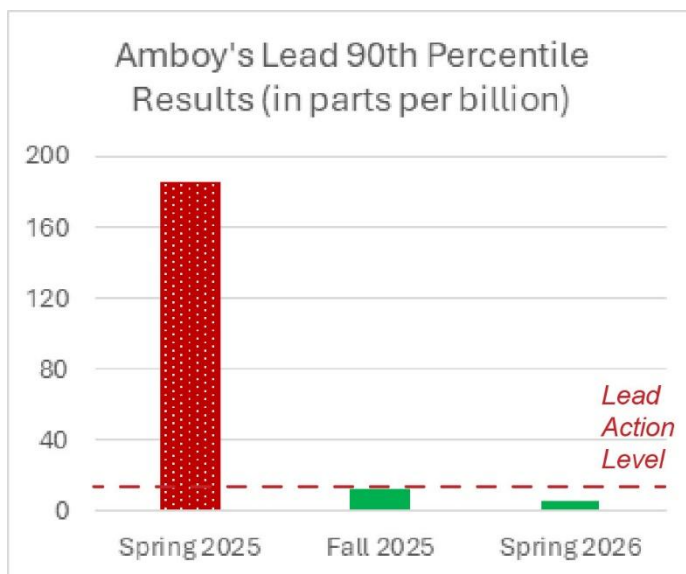
UPDATE ON LEAD AND COPPER LEVELS IN DRINKING WATER

City of Amboy

What is Status of Lead and Copper Issue?

In Spring 2025, Amboy detected high levels of lead and copper in tap water samples, which prompted the city to take action. We made immediate water treatment changes to address the issue. Samples in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 show that these changes have significantly reduced lead and copper levels in tap water. At this point, the concerns with lead and copper have been largely addressed.

City staff have been working hard to address the concerns with drinking water. They have been regularly testing water at the treatment facility and in the pipes providing water to homes. Staff have worked closely with consultants to determine the best solution to improve the water quality as soon as possible.



How to read these graphs: At the 90th percentile of test results, 90% of drinking water tests have results below that level and 10% of drinking water tests have results above that level. These are shown as bars on the graphs. The action levels for lead and copper are shown as dotted lines on the graph. The graph shows that the 90th percentile results in spring 2025 were above the action levels for lead and copper. Lead and copper 90th percentile results were below the action levels in fall 2025 and spring 2026.

Why is Water Sometimes Discolored?

While our initial treatment changes have lowered lead and copper levels, they have also allowed more iron and manganese to be present in drinking water. Iron and manganese can cause the water to be discolored. While this does not pose a health concern, the city plans to address iron and manganese through further water treatment improvements.

What are the Next Steps?

Amboy is in the process of upgrading the water treatment plant to remove iron from water, but this will take time. Construction is expected to be completed by July 2027. In the meantime, Amboy is working to replace lead water lines, and we have water filters available at City Hall that remove lead, copper, manganese, and iron. If you have received a faucet filter and need more cartridges, you may pick it up at city hall.

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