

While Edwards would not flatly assert that the water was "safe," he began to stress that the water in Flint was as safe as, or even safer than, municipal water in most other parts of the country. At one point, he even claimed that Flint's tap water, when filtered, was of a higher quality than bottled water.⁴²

⁴² Kevin Drum, "The Water in Flint Is Now Better Than Bottled Water," *Mother Jones*, November 21, 2016.

Edwards actual quote below.

<https://www.motherjones.com/kevin-drum/2016/11/water-flint-now-better-bottled-water/>

Edwards' latest research shows **the level of lead in Flint's drinking water supply has fallen by more than 50% and in some cases, as much as 80%**, according to sampling taken at more than 160 Flint homes in summer 2015 and again last month. "Things are dramatically better than they were in 2015," Edwards said.

In fact, Edwards said, properly filtered water in the city was likely as good, if not better, than bottled water, especially prepackaged water that had been stored for a long time in hot conditions.