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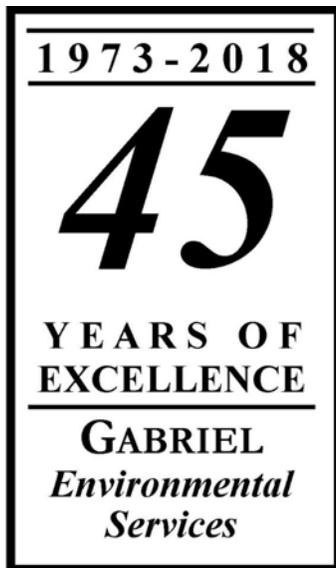


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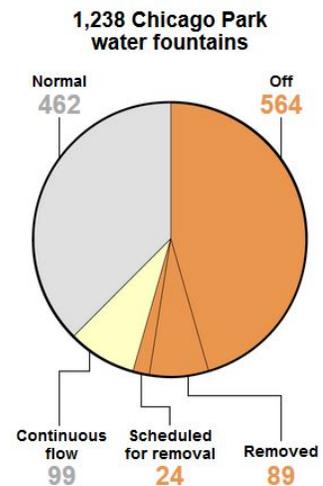
## Chicago Park District Turns Off Contaminated Drinking Water Fountains



Due to aging lead pipes, Chicago Park District plans to shut off and remove approximately half of its 1,250 outdoor water fountains by the end of summer.

462 fountains had no notable lead levels when they were recently tested, so they will operate normally as push-button fountains. Of the remaining 776 fountains with dangerous lead levels, some of them will be turned on and flow continuously, and the majority in low-traffic areas will be shut off instead.

"We'll make sure it's done in a way that's efficient for the Park District but also to be certain we supply water to areas where we need fountains - maybe we don't need as many. We'll choose one, the optimally located one," said Dan Cooper, director of environmental services for the Chicago Park District.



Graphic courtesy of Chicago Tribune

Chicago Tribune has [published a list of all of the fountains](#), organized by operational status and park name.

Exposure to high levels of lead can [cause](#) children to have behavior and learning problems, lower IQ and hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems, and anemia.

Lead in the fountain drinking water is caused by old lead pipes that were installed until they were federally banned in 1986. Most of the main service lines in Chicago have since

## Recipe Corner



## Slow Cooker Korean Beef

### Ingredients:

- 1 c. beef broth
- 1/2 c. reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp freshly grated ginger
- 1 tsp Sriracha, or more to taste
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1/2 tsp white pepper
- 3 lbs boneless beef chuck roast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp sesame seeds
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

### Directions:

1) In a large bowl, whisk together beef broth, soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic, sesame oil, rice wine vinegar, ginger, Sriracha, onion powder, and white pepper.

2) Place chuck roast in a 6-quart slow cooker. Stir in beef broth mixture until well combined.

3) Cover and cook on low heat for 7-8 hours or high heat for 3-4 hours.

4) In a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and 1/4 cup water. Stir mixture into the slow cooker. Cover and cook on high heat for an additional 30 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened.

5) Serve immediately, garnished with sesame

been replaced, but the individual pipes that connect the main pipes to homes, water fountains, etc. may not have been replaced yet. Chicago Park District officials state that replacement of these high-traffic fountains will involve replacement of the lead service lines.

Sources:

"Chicago Park District Shutting Off Almost Half Of Its Outdoor Drinking Fountains Due to Lead," WBEZ, May 11, 2018.

"The Chicago Park District plans to shut off half of outdoor drinking fountains due to lead concerns," Chicago Tribune, May 14, 2018.

## JP's Birdhouses Are Traveling the US and the World

JP's Project Birdhouse hit a big milestone last month: a birdhouse has officially been photographed and submitted to the blog in all 50 states (plus Washington DC and Puerto Rico). The last state visited was West Virginia:



Birdhouses have also visited Liechtenstein, Japan, and Niagara Falls recently:



Nara, Japan



Niagara Falls

seeds and green onions.

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Christina Zvonarits*

*Recipe source:  
Damn Delicious blog, Feb 21, 2015.*



Vaduz Castle, Liechtenstein

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