

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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Customer Location:

## ***YOUR DRINKING WATER SERVICE LINE IS MADE FROM LEAD.***

\_\_\_\_\_ is working toward identifying service line materials throughout the water system and has determined that \_\_\_\_\_ water pipe (called a service line) that connects your location to the water main is made from **lead**. People who are served with a lead service line may have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.

For information on sources of lead that include service lines and interior plumbing, please visit [https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-](https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto)

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### **Health effects of lead.**

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

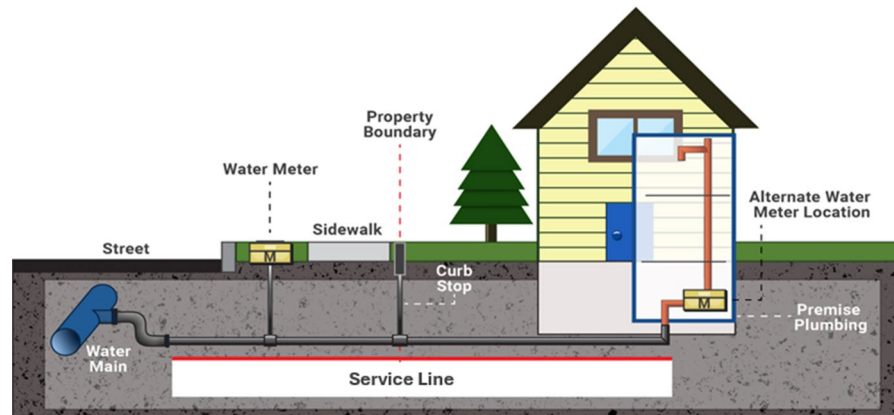
## **WAYS TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD**

- **Use a filter** certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, effectively reduces lead exposures. For more information on home water filtration systems, visit EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.
- **Running your water before using** is an effective way to reduce lead exposure. Lead levels increase over time as water sits in lead-containing plumbing materials and regular water usage in the building can reduce lead levels in drinking water. If you are served by lead or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush the water for longer periods to adequately reduce the lead in the water lines.
- **Use cold water.** Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. **Boiling water does not remove lead from water.**
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- **Sensitive groups**, such as pregnant mothers and infants, may want to consider using alternate sources of water for consumption, particularly for making baby formula.
- **Have your water tested for lead.** You may contact us or a certified laboratory to have your water tested and to learn more about the lead levels in your drinking water.
- **Learn about construction in your neighborhood.** Contact us to find out about any construction or maintenance work that could disturb your service line. Construction may cause more lead to be released from a lead containing service line.

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Get your child tested to determine their blood lead levels.

A family doctor or pediatrician can perform a blood test on your child to determine the level of lead in their blood and provide additional information about the health effects of lead. State, city, or county departments of health can also provide information about how you can have your child's blood tested for lead. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends public health actions when the level of lead in a child's blood is 3.5 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ) or more. For more information and links to CDC's website, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.



The figure above represents a typical scenario for a residence in many cases but does not represent all scenarios.

**Service Line Replacements** (Insert information about your water system's lead service line replacement program, if applicable, or other opportunities to replace lead service lines. Continue on page# 3 if you are out of space)

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If you are planning on replacing the portion of the service line that you own, please notify us at **<insert PWS contact information – phone, email, etc.>**. We are required to replace our portion of the lead service line when you notify us that you are replacing your portion of the lead service line. Continue on page# 3

**For information about potential financing solutions** to assist property owners with replacement of lead service lines, please contact us at **<insert PWS contact information – phone, email, etc.>**.

**For more information on reducing lead exposure** from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.



is focused on protecting the health of every household in our community. This notice contains important information about your drinking water. Please share a copy of this information with anyone who drinks and/or cooks using water at this property. This should include those who may not have received this notice directly, for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses, as well as parents of children served by school or childcare at this property.

**Continue inserting information about your water system’s lead service line replacement program, if applicable, or other opportunities to replace lead service lines.**