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Important Notice: Unknown Water Service Line Material

Dear Resident,

The City of Lakeville is working to identify water service line materials throughout our system. As of October 8, 2024, we have determined that the service line (the pipe connecting your home, building or structure to the water main) is made of an unknown material, which may include lead.

Because the material of your service line is currently unknown, there is a possibility that some or all of it could be made of lead or galvanized pipe. Homes with lead or galvanized pipes are at an increased risk of lead exposure through drinking water.

The City of Lakeville is committed to protecting the health of all households. This notice contains important information about your drinking water. Please share it with anyone who consumes or cooks with water at this property.

Identifying Service Line Material

To help the City determine your service line material, please contact us at 952-985-2741 or email Shane Quade at squade@lakevillemn.gov.

Additionally, the EPA has developed a step-by-step guide to help identify lead pipes in homes, titled *Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead*, available on the EPA website under groundwater and drinking water.

You can also find service line material information for Minnesota addresses through the [Minnesota Service Line Material Tool \(umn.edu\)](https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/) (<https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/>). Both links are also available on our website: LakevilleMN.gov/Inventory.

Health Effects of Lead

Exposure to lead in drinking water can have serious health consequences across all age groups. Infants and children may experience reduced IQ and attention spans, and exposure can worsen or lead to new learning and behavior problems. Pregnant women exposed to lead face an increased risk of these negative effects for their children. Adults are at increased risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney damage and nervous system issues.

Understand Blood Lead Testing

In Minnesota, elevated blood lead levels are most often linked to exposure from lead paint and dust, with water being a rare cause. If you're concerned about potential lead exposure in children, consult your health care provider to see if a blood lead test is recommended. State, city and county health departments can also offer information on the health effects of lead and how to get your child's blood tested. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends public health actions when a child's blood lead level reaches 3.5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) or higher.

Have Your Water Tested

We encourage you to contact the City Utility Department and discuss having your water tested. You may also reach out to a Minnesota Department of Health-accredited laboratory to obtain a sample container and submission instructions. Please note that a single water sample may not fully capture all sources of lead in water. The EPA provides more information on lead sources, including service lines and interior plumbing.

Steps to Take if You Suspect Lead in Your Water

- **Use a Certified Filter:** A certified filter can reduce lead in drinking water. Follow the instructions carefully, replacing cartridges as needed. Do not run hot water through the filter.
- **Clean Your Aerator:** Regularly clean your faucet's aerator (screen), where lead particles and debris can collect.
- **Use Cold Water:** Only use cold tap water for drinking, cooking, or preparing baby formula. Hot water dissolves lead more easily. Boiling does not remove lead.
- **Run Your Water:** Let your water run before using it for drinking. The duration depends on factors like pipe length and the presence of lead service lines.

Additional information about the *Lead Service Line Replacement Program* is available on the MN Department of Health website. We will also provide this link on the City's website.

Visit LakevilleMN.gov/Inventory for direct access to all links mentioned in this letter and further details or scan the link below with your phone to bring it up directly.



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