

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE LEAD SERVICE LINE MATERIAL

Teller County Water & Sanitation District #1
CO 0160600
Your Address

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

New state and federal laws require us to inventory all water service lines in our service area. A service line is the underground pipe that carries water from the water main, likely in the street, into your home or building. We are required to notify consumers annually if their service line material is unknown.

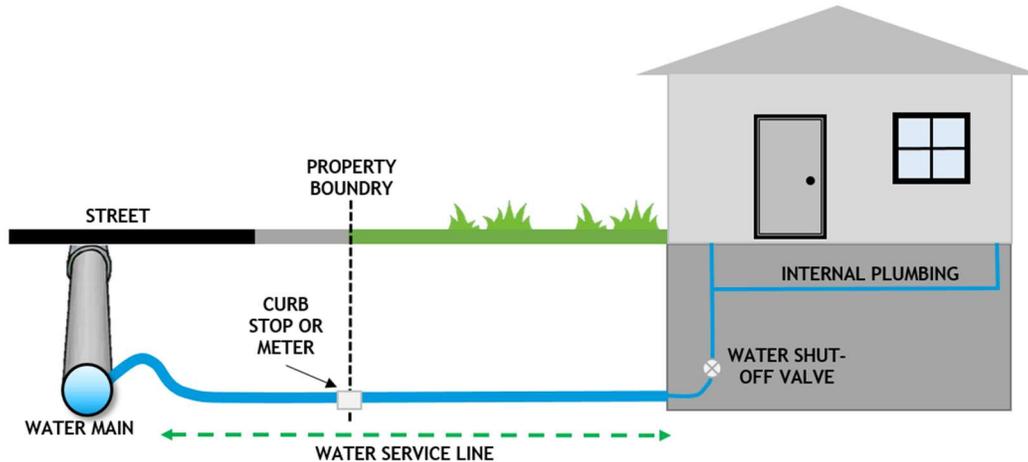


Figure 1. Typical water service line configuration of a water service line connecting the water main in the street to the interior plumbing of a home.

Our records indicate that all or a portion of your water service line material is unknown, but could be made of lead. Your Service Line has Single-ownership, and no portion of the line material identified.

What does this mean? What is being done?

- We need to determine the material of your water service line to ensure safe drinking water. Please contact us to confirm the material of your service line. It is important and easy to do. If you are unsure how to locate your service line or identify the material, we can assist you. [719.687.0761]. Consider the following tests:



Lead pipe

Magnets do not stick to lead pipes.

If you scratch the pipe with a coin, the scraped area will appear shiny silver and flake off.



Copper pipe

Magnets do not stick to copper pipes.

If you scratch the pipe with a coin, the scraped area will appear copper in color, the same as a penny.



Galvanized steel pipe

Magnets will stick to the surface of a galvanized steel pipe.

If you scratch the pipe with a coin, it will appear dull and gray.

- **If your water service line contains lead, we will contact you to discuss replacement options.** Water systems are required to replace all system-owned lead service lines. However in Teller County Water & Sanitation District, all service lines are owned by the property owner, and therefore the responsibility of the property owner.
- **Property owners are encouraged to replace their service line if it is made of lead.**

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.

What can I do to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water?

In addition to your service line, plumbing or faucets in your home may contain lead and could increase lead levels in your drinking water. See below for a list of steps you can take to minimize lead in your water:

1. **Run your water to flush out lead.** If it hasn't been used for several hours, run the cold water tap until the temperature is noticeably colder. This flushes lead-containing water from the pipes. To conserve water, remember to catch the flushed tap water for plants or some other household use (e.g. cleaning).
2. **Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.** Never cook with or drink water from the hot water tap. Never use water from the hot water tap to make formula.
3. **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water will not reduce lead.
4. **You may consider investing in a home water treatment device or alternative water source.** When purchasing a water treatment device, make sure it is certified under Standard 53 by NSF International to remove lead. Contact NSF at 1-800-NSF-8010 or visit the [NSF website](#). You may also visit the [Water Quality Association's website](#).
5. **Get your child's blood tested.** Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.
6. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit [EPA's website](#) or contact your health care provider.

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