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Greetings Ratepayer,

Congress banned use of lead water pipes in 1986. On December 16, 2021, the Federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) that went into effect requires every federally defined community and non-transient, non-community water system to develop a service line inventory. By 2024, all water utilities are required to determine where lead water pipes may exist in their systems, including the pipes on the customer side that connect to the public system.

In March 2024, the Village of New Paltz received a grant award of \$193,125 from the NYS Department of Health (DOH) using funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The funds provide engineering and technical assistance for lead service line identification, including inventory planning, records review, and public outreach.

The Village of New Paltz is and has been working on a study to identify any lead components in the service line of the municipal water system. Fortunately, we have not found significant instances of lead piping within New Paltz's water system and there have been no reports of lead in our municipal drinking water. Upon completion of our study, a plan will be created for removal of any additional lead pipe lines, which may be identified. Our goal is to have this completed within the next 10 years.

We are notifying everyone in the Village that we have not yet completed the Lead Service Line Inventory. We can say with certainty that approximately one fifth of the buildings in the Village of New Paltz do not have any lead components in the Service Line. Unfortunately, we cannot say with certainty that the rest of the Village has no lead components. You are either being notified that the composition of the service line that runs drinking water to your home or building has not yet been identified in full or because out of an abundance of caution we are notifying everyone of the possibility of lead pipes in the Municipal Water System.

We have included some educational material regarding Lead Services Lines below.



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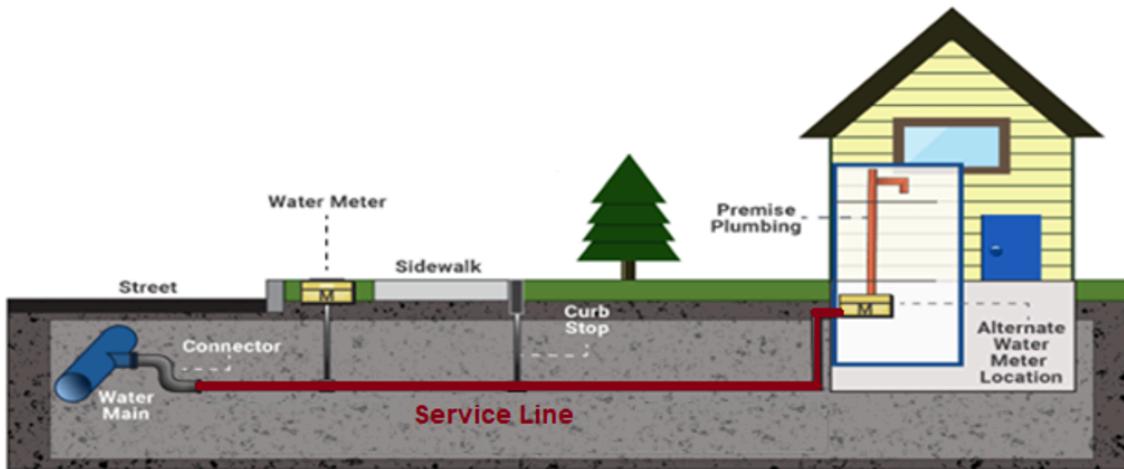
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What is a Lead Service Line?

A service line is the pipe connecting the water main to the building inlet. A typical configuration of a service line is shown in the figure. For our system, the Village owns the service line from the water main to a curb stop and property owners own the service line from the curb stop to the building inlet. When any section of the service line is made of lead, it is a lead service line.



Example of a Service Line. If any section of the service line is made of lead, the service line is classified as a lead service line.

What Does It Mean?

Having a lead service line doesn't necessarily mean your drinking water contains an elevated level of lead. However, a lead service line has been identified as a source of lead and may contribute to lead in drinking water. This can happen when the characteristics of water (for example, low pH) increase the corrosion of lead pipes. Removing the lead service line is a sure way to reduce your chance of exposure to lead in drinking water.

Source of Lead in Drinking Water

Lead enters drinking water from a lead service line and indoor plumbing materials such as lead solder on copper pipes and chrome-plated brass or brass fixtures and faucets.

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.



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Steps You Can Take to Reduce Your Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water

- **Use your filter properly.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, it should be certified to remove lead. Read any directions provided with the filter to learn how to properly install, maintain, and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information on facts and advice on home water filtration systems, visit EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/home-drinking-water-filtration-fact-sheet> and EPA's [Consumer Tool for Identifying Drinking Water Filters Certified to Reduce Lead](#).
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly remove and 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.
- **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.
- **Run your water.** The more time water has been sitting in your home's pipes, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line or not, as well as the length and diameter of the service line and the amount of plumbing in your home. Residents may contact us at 845-255-0130 Ext 125 or dpw@villageofnewpaltz.gov for recommendations about flushing times in their community.
- **Learn what your service line material is.** Contact us at 845-255-0130 Ext. 125 or dpw@villageofnewpaltz.gov or a licensed plumber to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead, galvanized, or other materials. To find out about what we are doing to replace lead service lines, please visit [Village of New Paltz](#) or contact us at 845-255-0130 Ext. 125 or dpw@villageofnewpaltz.gov. [Protect Your Tap: A quick check for lead](#) is EPA's on-line step by step guide to learn how to find lead pipes in your home.
- **Learn about construction in your neighborhood.** Contact us at 845-255-0130 Ext. 125 or dpw@villageofnewpaltz.gov 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 service line if present.



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- Have your water tested.** Contact the Village's Water Plant operator, H2O Innovation, at 845-888-5755 to have your water tested and to see whether lead is impacting your drinking water.

Get Your Child Tested to Determine Lead Levels in their Blood

A family doctor or pediatrician can perform a blood test for lead and provide 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>.

Opportunities to Replace Your Lead Service Line

We are required to replace the portion of a lead service line we own when property owners notify us that they are replacing their portion of the lead service line. Please contact us at 845-255-0130 Ext. 125 or dpw@villageofnewpaltz.gov before replacing your lead service line.

If Lead is found in your service line please contact a professional plumber to have it replaced. For your convenience we have added a list of Master Licensed Plumbers that a neighboring municipality has created to our website VillageofNewPaltz.gov

We are also responsible for maintaining an inventory of all service lines, so keep us updated if your service line changes.

If you have any questions about your service line, call us at 845-255-0130 Ext. 125 or visit our website at VillageofNewPaltz.gov. For more information on lead in drinking water, contact your local health department at Ulster County Department of Health Golden Hill Office Building, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston, NY 12401, (845) 340-3150.

This notice is brought to you by **The Village of New Paltz**

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