

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER SERVICE LINES

As mandated by the *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule* (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart I), the City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities – Water Division is required to inform you that your water service connection is considered a “*Lead Status Unknown*” service line. This is an USEPA designation that means through a review of available records and standards, we were unable to confirm the material type of the pipe that connects your home or building to the point of connection to the City's water main. Further information can be found on the City of Fresno website at www.fresno.gov/servicelines.

The City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities – Water Division recently conducted an initial inventory of water service lines, which connect homes, buildings, or other structures to the City's water main. The purpose of this inventory is to identify the material of these service lines, including those sections owned by customers.

What does this mean for your property?

The service line that connects your property to the City's water main has been identified as an *unknown* material type. Lead service lines or certain galvanized pipe can potentially place you at risk for exposure to lead. Therefore, your service line material will need to be identified.

This is not an emergency.

Your water remains safe to drink and continues to meet all federal and state drinking water standards. You do not need to use an alternative water supply, such as bottled water.

Service Line Testing Results.

As part of our routine testing, the City of Fresno regularly monitors for lead in the distribution system. In our most recent water sample analysis, conducted in October 2022, the 90th percentile of lead levels measured in the distribution system was *0.000 milligrams per liter (mg/L)*, which is below the action level of *0.015 mg/L* set by the U.S. EPA.

Potential Health Effects of Lead Exposure.

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 cause 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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If you have concerns about your water quality, the State Water Board's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program has a map of laboratories that can test your water at the consumer's expense, which can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs/

If you still have health concerns from potential lead exposure in your drinking water, there are point-of-use (POU) devices that can be used on your drinking water taps to provide an additional barrier of protection. A list of these residential treatment devices can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/device/watertreatmentdevices.html

If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your health care provider.

Next Steps in Our Service Line Replacement Plan.

We are committed to identifying and replacing any lead or galvanized service lines that are or were, downstream of a lead service line. The City of Fresno will begin a process called *Stratified Random Sampling* to further investigate and identify service line materials. If your service line is identified as containing lead or certain galvanized material, we anticipate replacing the City's portion of the line by 2030, as required by the Division of Drinking Water (DDW). This process may be expedited if you plan to alter or replace the customer-owned side of your service line earlier, in which case we may need to replace the City's portion at the same time.

How You Can Help.

If you are planning to replace or alter the customer-owned side of the service line on your property, please inform the City of Fresno as soon as possible. This will allow us to coordinate the replacement of our portion of the service line if necessary. Additionally, if you believe the material of your service line has been incorrectly categorized, please contact us as soon as possible. You can also help the city identify your service line material. For information on identifying the type of service line at your property, please visit the U.S. EPA's *Protect Your Tap* guide <https://www.epa.gov/pyt> or the LSLR Collaborative's resource page <https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/downloadable-resources.html>.

Further Information and Resources

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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