

■ Important Information About Lead in Your Drinking Water

■ Why You're Receiving This Notice

Our records indicate that your property has, or may have, a **lead service line** (the pipe that connects your home to the water main). Lead can pose a risk to health, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children.

■ Health Effects of Lead

- Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body.
- It can affect the **brain, kidneys, and nervous system**.
- **Pregnant women, infants, and young children** are especially vulnerable.

■ Sources of Lead in Drinking Water

- Lead service lines (pipes connecting homes to mains)
- Lead solder in plumbing installed before 1986
- Brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and fixtures

■ Steps You Can Take to Reduce Exposure

1. Run your water until cold (30 sec–2 min) before drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and drinking. Hot water is more likely to contain lead.
3. Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling does not reduce lead.
4. Use certified filters (NSF/ANSI Standard 53 or 58).
5. Clean faucet screens (aerators) regularly.
6. Consider replacing plumbing that contains lead.

■ Long-Term Solutions

Our utility is working to **replace lead service lines** in our system. You may also choose to replace the portion of the line on your property. Contact us for details about replacement programs and financial assistance.

■ Learn More

- EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: **1-800-426-4791**
- Visit: www.epa.gov/lead
- Contact **[Utility Name]** at **[phone/email]**

■ ■ Reminder: The most effective way to reduce lead exposure is to remove the lead service line. Until then, please follow the steps above.