



City of Tombstone

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Subject: Lead Service Line Resident Questionnaire

Dear Resident or Property Owner,

The City of Tombstone Public Works Department is conducting an inventory of water service line materials throughout the community. A water service line is the pipe that carries drinking water from the water main in the street to your home or business. The water service line generally can be located where it enters the building near the water meter, utility room, basement, or crawl space.

As part of this effort, the City has completed an inventory of the publicly owned portion of the water system and found no lead service lines in use on the City-owned side.

Please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the Public Works Department. Completed forms may be emailed or delivered in person to Public Works.

Also included with this mailing is an informational notice from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that provides additional information about lead service lines and drinking water safety.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robby Nicholas

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Public Works Director
520-457-3415

Service Address: _____

Service Line Inspection - Date Completed: _____

1. What material does the pipe appear to be?

- ☐ Lead (dull gray color; scratches easily and becomes shiny silver when scratched)
 - ☐ Copper (reddish-brown color; may have a greenish tint)
 - ☐ Galvanized Steel (silver-gray, magnetic, threaded fittings)
 - ☐ Plastic (usually blue, black, or white)
 - ☐ Unknown
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2. If the pipe is metal, you can perform a scratch test and notate the results below:

- ☐ Shiny silver metal appeared (may indicate lead)
 - ☐ Copper-colored metal appeared
 - ☐ No noticeable change
 - ☐ Not sure
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3. Approximately when was your home built?

- ☐ Before 1983
 - ☐ 1983 - 2026
 - ☐ Unknown
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Photo Submission (Optional but Helpful)

Please attach a clear photo of:

- The pipe where it enters your home.
- Any visible fittings or connections.
- The area near your water meter.

The City of Tombstone Public Works Department is focused on protecting the health of every household in our community. This notice contains important information about your drinking water pipe line. Please share this information with anyone who drinks and/or cooks using water at this property. In addition to people directly served at this property, this can include people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses, as well as parents served by childcare at this property.

The Public Works Department of the City of Tombstone has been engaged in identifying the materials used in service lines. After a comprehensive examination, it has been confirmed that our water lines **do not contain lead piping**. However, this does not guarantee that the service line, which connects your home or business to our water main, is made from known materials; it could potentially be lead. Since the material of your service line is uncertain, there is a possibility that some or all of it may consist of lead or galvanized pipe that was once linked to a lead service line. Residents in homes with lead or galvanized pipes that were previously connected to a lead service line face a heightened risk of lead exposure through their drinking water.



Identifying service line material

To help determine EPA has developed an online step-by-step guide to help people identify lead pipes in their homes called Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead. It is available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-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 worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.¹

¹ Text in italics is required and cannot be changed.

Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking water.

Below are recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. The list also includes where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead in drinking water.

Use filters 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, see EPA's <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.

Clean your aerator. Regularly 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.

Learn what your service line material is. Contact us at The City of Tombstone Public Works Department 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. [For systems replacing lead service lines consider the following text.] To find out about what we are doing to replace lead service lines, please visit [website] or contact us at [phone number and/or email address]. [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 [phone number and/or email address] 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 or galvanized service line if present.

Have your water tested. Contact us, your water utility, at 520 457-3415 to have your water tested and to learn more about the lead levels in your drinking water. Alternatively, you may contact a certified laboratory to have your water tested for lead. Note, a water sample may not adequately capture or represent all sources of lead that may be present. For information on sources of lead that include service lines and interior plumbing, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>.

Get your child tested to determine lead levels in their blood.

Although there is no confirmation of having a lead service line, you may wish to speak with a healthcare provider to see if your child's blood lead level is elevated and/or if there is a need for blood testing, if you are concerned about potential exposure. Please visit the CDC's [Recommended Actions Based on Blood Lead Level](#) for information on these actions.

For more information on reducing lead exposure from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.