

Currents & Waves

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Lead Copper Rule Revision Regulations

By Water Superintendent, Adam Breunig

Water Works and Lighting Commission will be mailing letters regarding the requirements for the Federal Regulations Title 40 § 141.84 – Lead Service Line Replacement Requirements. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is requiring all Public Water Systems to develop an inventory to identify the materials in the service lines connected to the public water distribution system. The WDNR is making this a requirement as part of the Lead Copper Rule Revisions regulations. If you receive one of these letters, please follow the directions below or as described in the letter. If anyone has questions concerning the survey letters, please contact McKenna Schudy at 715-422-9045.



TOOLS NEEDED: Flathead screwdriver, Penny, Refrigerator Magnet

Locate the water service line coming into the building. This is typically found in the basement. An "inlet valve" and the water meter are installed on the pipe after the point of entry (see diagram to the left). If the pipe is covered or wrapped, expose a small area of metal. Use the flat edge of a screwdriver to scratch through any corrosion that may have built up on the outside of the pipe.



LEAD PIPE

If the scraped area is shiny and silver, your service line is lead. A magnet will not stick to the lead pipe.



COPPER PIPE

If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper. A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.



GALVENIZED STEEL PIPE

If the scraped area remains a dull gray, and a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.

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Electric disconnection for non-payment will begin on Monday, April 15th. If you are unable to remit payment for your past due charges, we encourage you call our office at 715-423-6300 to set up a payment arrangement. To apply for Energy Assistance, call 715-421-8654 or submit your application online at: <https://energybenefit.wi.gov>.

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