

Cass County Public Water Supply District No.10

LEAD SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION INITIATIVE AND SURVEY

The Federal Government recently mandated that suppliers of community water must determine locations of service lines containing lead within the supplier's service area in order to encourage owners of lead- containing lines to eliminate them.

Therefore, PWSD #10 as a Community Water Supplier (CWS) is required to conduct a survey and inventory types of material used in all public and private water service lines within their distribution system.

Lead, unlike other contaminants of potable water (drinking water), is usually not present in the potable water source. Lead gets into tap water as a result of water corroding lead in pipes, fixtures, and solder. The most effective way to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water is to remove the lead service line bringing water into your home from the water main.

If you are a resident or business owner within PWSD #10's boundaries and have not already done so, please complete and return our **LSLI Customer Survey** as soon as possible. Your participation in this survey by **June 1st, 2023** will greatly reduce District expenses in complying with this mandate.

What Is a Water Service Line and Who Owns It?

Water service lines are pipes that carry water from PWSD#10's watermain near the public street into homes and other buildings. PWSD #10's service lines end at each meter. Service lines from the water meter to a home or building are owned by the individual property owners.

Will PWSD #10 replace my lead service line?

PWSD #10 is responsible for its water mains up to the service meter. The service line from the meter to a house, business or other entity is the responsibility of the property owner. Any lead service lines from the meter to a house, business or other entity are privately owned and are the responsibility of the property owner. PWSD #10 strongly advises contracting a licensed plumber for replacement of the service line should you decide to replace it.

Lead Service Lines

PWSD #10's water mains and service lines are lead free. However, some homes may have a service line made of lead or lead components. Lead service lines (LSLs) are one of the primary sources of lead in potable drinking water. As LSLs transport treated public water throughout our homes, lead may be leached from those pipes into the potable drinking water. Older homes, especially those built prior to 1989, are more likely to have lead service lines, fixtures, and/or solder. However, it is also possible for newer "lead-free" labeled fixtures to contain some lead.

Take Our Survey

PWSD #10 is surveying all homes, in particular those built prior to 1989, to identify existing lead service lines. Please complete the brief **LSLI Customer Survey** to identify the material composition of your water lines and help our community comply with EPA regulations.