

LEAD SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION INITIATIVE AND SURVEY

Recently, the Federal Government mandated that Community Water Suppliers must find out where lead services are located throughout the community to encourage the process of eliminating them. PWSD #10 as a Community Water Supplier (CWS) is required to survey and inventory the type of material used for all public and private water service lines within our distribution system.

Lead, unlike other drinking water contaminants, is usually not present in the drinking water source. It results from the distribution system or on-site plumbing itself. Lead gets into water at the tap when water corrodes lead in pipes, fixtures, and solder. The most impactful way to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water is to remove the lead service line that brings water to your home from the water main in the street.

If you are a resident or business owner within PWSD #10's boundaries and have not done so already, please complete our [*LSLI Customer Survey*](#). Participating in this survey will greatly reduce the effort and district funds spent to comply with this mandate.

What Is a Water Service Line and Who Owns It?

A water service line is the pipe that runs from the water main to a home or building's internal plumbing. They are the pipes that carry water from PWSD #10's watermain in the street into homes and other buildings. PWSD #10's service lines end at the meter and are leadfree. Service lines from the water meter to the home or building are owned by the individual property owners.

Will PWSD #10 replace my lead service line?

PWSD #10 is responsible for its public water mains up to the service meter. The private "service line" from the meter to the house or business is the responsibility of the property owner. Lead services lines from the meter to the home are not part of the public water system and are the responsibility of the property owner. PWSD #10 strongly advises that you contact a licensed plumber should you proactively undertake any work on your service line.

Lead Service Lines

PWSD #10's water mains are leadfree. However, some homes may have a private service line that is made of lead or lead components. One of the primary sources for lead in drinking water in our homes are lead service lines (LSLs). LSLs transport treated public water into our homes and may leach lead from pipes into your drinking water. Older homes, especially those built before 1989, are more likely to have lead service lines, fixtures, and/or solder. However, even newer "lead-free" fixtures could contain lead.

Take Our Survey

We are surveying all homes within our district especially those built prior to 1989 to identify any existing lead service lines. Please complete our brief [*LSLI Customer Survey*](#) to determine the material composition of your water lines. The survey can be found under Water Service Line Inventory on the Lead Service Line Info page on our website www.pwsd10cass.com.