

Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management

Re: How you can check your home for a lead service line

Dear customer:

The Schuylerville-Victory Water Department is required by the EPA to develop a Lead Service Line Inventory of all homes connected to the water system. This will be an ongoing project until there is 100% verification. The following is meant to assist residents in either identifying and reporting their service lines or scheduling to have a water department representative come to their home and identify their service lines.

Do you know if you have a lead service line connecting the water distribution line in the street to your home?

If you do not know or are uncertain on how to determine your service line, take the following steps:

Step 1: IDENTIFICATION



Use EPA's Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead (<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead-0> or scan the QR code to the left) to help you determine if your service line is made of lead. This guide uses pictures and step-by-step directions to identify lead service lines and provides resources to learn more. Within the guide, choose **Municipal Water** and go to the section: "**Find Your Water Line/Service Line.**"

Step 2: SNAP A PICTURE OF YOUR SERVICE LINE

Please take a photo of your service line where it enters your home and send it to LSLI.jcfwater@gmail.com. Place your address in the subject line and include a message with a description of pipe material (lead, galvanized, copper, or plastic pipe). EPA's Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead guide document will help you know where to take the photo.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW OR CAN'T IDENTIFY YOUR SERVICE LINE?

If you would rather have water department personnel identify your service line for you, please send a message to LSLI.jcfwater@gmail.com or call 518-507-6148 to request an appointment. We will reply with a list of dates for you to choose from.

We look forward to your cooperation and thank you for your important input in helping us fulfill this requirement. If you have any questions, please contact Jake Fort at LSLI.jcfwater@gmail.com or 518-538-1480.

Sincerely,

Schuylerville/Victory BOWM

What you should know about Lead.

Our system's water mains that carry the water to you are made mostly of cast iron and ductile iron and therefore do not add lead to water. However, lead can get into tap water through the service line that connects your home to the water main if it is made of lead. Lead may also come from lead solder used to connect pipes in home plumbing, and from some faucets and fixtures.

When lead is present in water, it is typically due to the water flowing through service lines or internal pipes or plumbing in buildings with lead pipes or plumbing with lead solder or brass. *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 exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.* Because lead may pose serious health risks, both the EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree that "there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood".

If you think you have a lead service line and want to reduce your exposure to lead you should do the following:

- **Use only cold, fresh water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.** Run the water for at least 1 minute or until after it turns cold.
- **Do not boil the water to remove lead.**
- **Check whether your home has a lead service line. IF YOU DO, HAVE IT REMOVED.**