



NOTICE OF LEAD STATUS UNKNOWN WATER SERVICE LINE

November 18, 2024

Dear Water Customer,

Garden City would like to inform you that the material of the water service line at this mailing address has yet to be determined. Subsequently, the service line has been classified as **Lead Status Unknown**. Any water service lines installed after January 1, 1990 are considered to be lead free per EPA's *Safe Drinking Water Act*. **As of today, no lead service lines have been identified in Garden City's water system.**

What is a Service Line?

A service line is the piping that runs from the water main to the building inlet. Ownership varies by water system but is typically split between the water system and the customer. Garden City owns the section of the service line from the water main to the water meter, while the section from the water meter to the home is owned by the customer.

How Can I Determine My Service Line Material?

Garden City is continuing service line identification and replacement of the city-owned portion of the service lines. If your service line is found to contain lead or galvanized piping requiring replacement, you will receive a separate notice with information about service line replacement. To aid in the verification of the customer-owned portion of the line, please visit www.epa.gov/protectyourtap for instructions on identifying your service line material.

What are the 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 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.

If Your Personal Plumbing Has Been Identified as Containing Lead, Some Steps You Can Take to Reduce Potential Exposure Are Listed Below:

- **Run your water to flush out lead.** If the water hasn't been used for several hours, run the water for 15-30 seconds to flush lead from interior plumbing or run it until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
- **Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.**
- **Do NOT boil water to attempt to remove lead.**
- **Look for alternative sources or treatment of water (such as bottled water or water filters).**
- **Re-test your water for lead periodically.**
- **Identify and replace plumbing fixtures containing lead.**

Receipt of this letter does not confirm the presence of lead in your service line. It only indicates that the status of your service line is not known and will receive further investigation. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building, visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead. For more information regarding your service line, please visit our website at <https://www.gardencity-ga.gov/for-residents/water-service-line-replacement>. You may also contact Garden City by telephone at (912) 629-2296.

Sincerely,

Garden City Water Department