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Gettysburg Municipal Authority is asking for your help!

In 2022 the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a revision to the Lead and Copper rule. This law referred to as the Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) mandates Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) and all other drinking water utilities develop an inventory of pipe material on both the public and customer owned service lines. The intent of this inventory is to identify areas where lead service lines may exist and be present so that we may develop an informed plan to address them. GMA has been testing for lead in homes throughout the system for many years and has remained in compliance with all EPA and PADEP regulations and under the threshold for taking any action regarding lead and copper in the water system. Though GMA does not anticipate finding lead service lines in its system, the ruling still requires that information be collected from all service accounts. It is important to note that even if lead service lines are found this does not mean that our water is contaminated or unsafe to drink. However, we agree in taking this proactive approach to safeguard our community's health. To accomplish this inventory process and gather accurate data we need participation from all our water customers to complete and submit the inventory survey to reduce the cost of compliance with this regulation.

Please submit your survey by no later than March 31, 2024 by one of these methods:

- → Use your smart phone camera to scan the QR code on this page and complete the required fields. You will need to know your account number which is located on your water bill or within the above billing address. The account number is the first five digits prior to the hyphen.
- → Go to our website at www.gettysburgma.com and click the LCRR Survey tab.

QR Code - Scan Me →



EPA Lead & Copper Rule Revision Mandates

Pipe identification procedures and description diagrams on the back

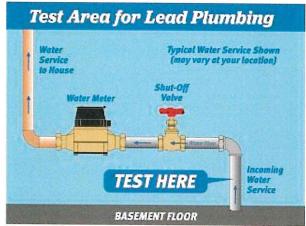
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Service Line Example & Pipe Identification Utility-owned vs. Customer-owned Portion of the Service Line Gooseneck Curb Stop Water Service Line Water Service Line Owned by Utility Owned by Customer Please note: This diagram is a generic representation. Variations may apply.



NOTE: The incoming water service in your home can either come up from the basement floor or out of the side wall in the basement. If you do not have a basement, the incoming water service should come up through the floor on the main level. Once the inventory survey is completed, the data will be included into our mapping system that will show all service locations including the material of the service line from the water main to the property/house.

<u>Pipe identification procedures:</u> Pipe should be one of the four (4) types listed below if not easily identified as copper or PVC. Test as follows:

You will need a key, a coin, and a strong refrigerator magnet.

- 1. Find the water meter in your basement. Look at the pipe that comes through the outside wall of your home and connects to your water meter.
- 2. Carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket) with a key or a coin. <u>Do not</u> use a knife or other sharp tools. Take care not to make a hole in the pipe. If the scratch turns a shiny silver color, it could be lead or galvanized. Note: If the metal pipe is painted, gently scrape the paint off first to expose the metal.
- 3. Place the magnet on the pipe. If a magnet sticks, it is galvanized. If it's a silver/ grey and is NOT magnetic: It is a lead pipe.



Another way to check for lead: Lead Test Kits can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store. These kits are used to test paint and can also test pipes, but not the water inside. Look for an EPA recognized kit.