**DRINKING WATER NOTICE**

**INSERT PWS NAME**

**INSERT PWS ID #**

**Our Public Water System Has Completed an Initial Service Line Inventory**

**We have found/identified Lead Service Lines, Galvanized Service Lines Requiring Replacement (GRR) or Unknown Service Lines (where we do not know what the line material is).**

­­­During the initial service line inventory that was completed on [Insert date], [Insert PWS Name] has classified the service line supplying water to your address as either lead, galvanized requiring replacement (GRR), or as a lead status unknown service line (material of line not known).

**WHAT WAS FOUND:**

**Your Service Line Material Classification:** *(Check all that apply)*

**Lead-** A portion of pipe that is made of lead, which connects the water main to the building inlet.

**System-Owned Portion  Customer-Owned Portion**

**Galvanized Requiring Replacement-**Galvanized steel service line that is or was at any time downstream of a lead service line or is currently downstream of a “Lead Status Unknown” service line.

**System-Owned Portion  Customer-Owned Portion**

**Lead Status Unknown-** Service line material is not known to be lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or a non-lead service line, such as where there is no documented evidence supporting material classification.​

**System-Owned Portion  Customer-Owned Portion**

**Non-Lead-** Service line material is determined through an evidence-based record, method, or technique not to be lead or galvanized requiring replacement.

**System-Owned Portion  Customer-Owned Portion**

**HOW THIS WAS DETERMINED:**

**Verification Method Used to Determine Service Line Material:** *(Check all that apply)*

Field Inspection by PWS

Records Review

Statistical Analysis

Customer Self-Identification

Other(s) Maine Drinking Water Program -Approved Method(s):

**Health Effects of Lead:**

***There is no safe level of lead in drinking water.*** *Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant women, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreased IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of those harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure. Kidney or nervous system problems.* ***Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.*** *For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA’s website at* [*http://www.epa.gov/lead*](HTTP://WWW.EPA.GOV/LEAD)*, or contact your health care provider.*

**Steps You Can Take To Protect Yourself From Lead In Drinking Water:**

1. Run the water for at least 15 seconds or until it becomes noticeably colder before using it for drinking or cooking. The longer water sits in piping the more lead it may contain.
2. Use cold water for drinking and cooking, as well as for preparing baby formula. Hot water dissolves lead more quickly than cold water.
3. Boiling the water does not reduce lead levels.
4. Consider using bottled water for drinking and cooking.
5. If you are concerned about lead, contact your health care provider or the Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (866-292-3474). You can ask about having you or your child tested for lead.

**Lead Service Line Replacement:**

To learn about opportunities for lead service line replacement and potential funding opportunities, contact [Insert PWS contact]. Public water systems are required to replace their portion of service line when notified by a property owner that the owner intends to replace their portion of lead service line.

**Testing Your Water**

To find out how you may be able to get your water tested for lead, contact us at [Insert PWS contact]

**To Find Out More**

If you have questions, want to verify your service line material, or believe a service line may have been categorized incorrectly, contact us at [Insert PWS contact]

**SERVICE LINE INVENTORY CERTIFICATION:**

By signing below, you certify that 1) the information within your service line inventory is true, accurate, and complete to the best of your knowledge and 2) you the person duly authorized to complete and submit the service line inventory to the Maine Drinking Water Program.

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Full Name Signature Date

**PUBLIC NOTICE CERTIFICATION:**

By signing below, you certify and attest that you have notified consumers about your service line inventory in accordance with the delivery, content, format requirements, and deadlines, as specified by the Maine Drinking Water Program (*check all that apply*).

**Method Used:** \_\_\_\_\_\_Hand delivery\_\_\_\_\_\_Mailing \_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*(SIGNATURE OF OWNER/OPERATOR)* *(DATE NOTICE DISTRIBUTED*

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT SERVICE LINE INVENTORY PUBLIC NOTICE. (Has Lead, GRR or Unknowns)

There are several places on the poster that needs to be filled in before it is posted:

* Fill in name of the water system for all sections marked “Insert PWS Name”
* Fill in the date submitted your initial inventory.
* Indicate what the service lines material was classified as for the address receiving the notice.
* List **all methods** used to classify service lines.
* Fill in contact information for the PWS.
* Sign and date Certifications.
* Check delivery method used.
* Submit completed forms to [DWPMOR@maine.gov](mailto:DWPMOR@maine.gov) to receive credit for completion.