

**Use cold water for cooking, drinking, and preparing baby formula.** Do not cook with, drink, or make baby formula from your hot water tap. Lead dissolves more easily in hot water. Always use cold water and heat if needed.

**Use an ANSI certified lead filter.** Filters certified to the ANSI/NSF 53 standard for lead removal can be effective at reducing lead levels in water.

**Regularly clean your faucet aerators.** Over time, particles containing lead can build up on the inside of aerator screens. Cleaning aerators regularly will help eliminate this source of lead.

**For pregnant persons, infants, and young children.** Some populations such as pregnant persons, infants, and young children may be more at risk from the harmful effects of lead. These populations may consider taking extra precautions if their home is served by a lead or galvanized requiring replacement service line. These extra precautions may include having their drinking water analyzed for lead, using an alternative source of water (such as bottled water), or utilizing a filter certified to ANSI/NSF 53 standard for lead removal.

**Replace lead containing plumbing fixtures.** Many old faucets, valves, and other plumbing fixtures may contain lead. Investigate whether or not your building's plumbing fixtures contain lead and replace them when appropriate.

**You may wish to have your child's blood tested for lead.** Your local county health department can be reached for additional assistance.

**You may wish to test your water for lead.** But, keep in mind, a negative test will not confirm the absence of lead materials because we treat our water to reduce corrosion. To request a lead test, contact us for more information.

For more information on reducing lead exposure from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead).

## What is (PWS name) doing?

Our water system successfully applied to Ohio EPA to obtain free assistance from a professional engineering firm to further investigate service line materials connected to our distribution system and reduce the number of Unknown service lines. In addition to those efforts and continuing to work with our customers to improve our service line inventory, we treat the water to reduce corrosion. This helps protect both our distribution system and your internal plumbing. Our system has always tested well below the USEPA action level for lead.

## What should I do about my service line?

If your service line is 'Unknown', you may be able to help! If you can access the pipe where it first enters your building, test it with a magnet. If the magnet sticks, you probably have a galvanized steel line. Magnets do not stick to lead. Use a key or tool to scratch away grime or paint if needed to look at the underlying material. You may see that your pipe is copper or plastic. If it is gray metal, and a magnet doesn't stick, the pipe could be made of lead. In all cases, **please complete our survey form to report your customer-side service line material** and contact us if you need help. **Your response is very important so that we can update our inventory.**

**For more information,** please contact the Arlington Water Department at 419-365-~~5474~~<sup>5253</sup> or email [voawatersewer@gmail.com](mailto:voawatersewer@gmail.com). You can also visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or visit Ohio EPA's Learn about Lead webpage. For information about lead paint and other household potential sources of lead exposure, visit the Ohio Department of Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning website.

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