

EPA Lead and Copper Notification Fact Sheet

The City of Youngstown Water Department (YWD) will be sending letters to approximately 11,000 households in the coming weeks, as mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rules Revisions, which mandates that all water systems must comply with a notification to customers whose service line materials have been classified in one of three official categories: having lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead unknown status.

Does receiving this notification mean my water is not safe?

This does not mean that lead is present in your water. We are notifying all customers whose direct service lines may contain lead, galvanized materials or are an unknown status. As a result, there may be an increased risk of exposure to lead in your water.

YWD is conducting ongoing work to identify service line materials across the city and is performing daily water sampling following EPA guidelines to ensure we have safe, quality drinking water for all customers. The Mahoning Valley Sanitary District, which provides our drinking water, is also conducting daily sampling.

How do I determine the materials in my service line?

To learn what your service line material is, contact the Youngstown Water Department at 330-742-9768 or via email at leadsurvey@youngstownohio.gov. You can also call a certified plumber to determine what materials your service line is made from.

Will these lines be updated?

The City of Youngstown has begun to replace lead and galvanized service lines to ensure compliance with the EPA's mandate to have all lead and galvanized service lines removed or replaced by 2037. YWD is continuing to work to identify service line materials through various engineering and construction measures to ensure all impacted lines are removed or replaced.

Why would the lines have lead in them?

This is based on the age of the lines, specifically lines that were built before 1954. The replacement and removal of such lines is part of the effort by YWD to upgrade our water line infrastructure.

How do I minimize the risk of lead in my water supply?

For information on how to minimize the risk of lead in your water, visit www.youngstownohio.gov/water_lead. You can also utilize the EPA's [Protect Your Tap](#) toolkit.

How do I test for lead in my water supply?

You can utilize the EPA's Protect Your Tap toolkit for information on testing your water. Please also note that YWD and the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District are conducting daily testing to ensure the safety of the water supply for all customers.