

# CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN

## MAYOR JAMAE TITO BROWN



HARRY L. JOHNSON, III - WATER COMMISSIONER  
LOU ZORELLA - CHIEF ENGINEER

May 15, 2023

Dear Water Department Customer:

As an Ohio Public Water System, the City of Youngstown is required to continually maintain compliance with Ohio EPA regulations. In 2016, the Ohio Legislature adopted new requirements related to lead and copper for public water systems. **These new regulations require the City to submit an inventory of all lead service lines by October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Lead in service lines can date back as far as 1897. Prior to 1988, lead pipes and lead solder were commonly used in the United States for interior plumbing. The Ohio EPA suggests that structures built after 1988 are less likely to have lead than those built before 1988. Thankfully, as part of the Safe Water Drinking Act, Congress banned the use of lead pipes in public water systems.

Through our Lead Replacement projects, we plan to have all lead removed from our water distribution system by the year 2050. However, for us to achieve this goal, we undoubtedly need your support.

By completing the enclosed survey, you will help us identify what type of service line you have in your home. This information will be used to update our records to ensure that we maintain our regulatory compliance standards with the Ohio EPA, as well as pinpoint the placements of lead lines in our distribution system that we can target for future replacement.

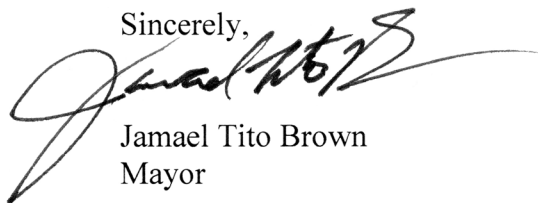
To assist you with completing this survey, we have included information to help you identify and self-test your water service line. Completed surveys can be returned using the following methods:

- You can drop off the completed survey at our office at 26 S. Phelps Street, Youngstown, Ohio.
- You can complete the survey, scan it, and e-mail it to [Leadsurvey@youngstownohio.gov](mailto:Leadsurvey@youngstownohio.gov).
- You can scan the **QR code** on the survey with your smartphone and complete the survey online.
- You can visit <https://youngstownohio.gov/water-lead-survey> and complete the survey online.

For further inquiries, you can call our Water Quality Compliance Coordinator, Nick D'Alesio at 330-742-8769. Also, please note that our yearly Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) can now be found online at <https://youngstownohio.gov/water#quality>. **Please return survey by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,



Jamael Tito Brown  
Mayor



Harry L. Johnson, III  
Water Commissioner

## Water Service Line and Meter Examples

Your water service line will be attached to the meter, coming into the house from the floor or through the wall, then from the meter to the plumbing that goes to the structure.



## Water Service Pipe Material Identification

To help identify the pipe material, please read the following descriptions of each possible service line.

LEAD	GALVANIZED IRON	COPPER	PLASTIC
Dull gray, bendable often with curves between the wall/floor and valve	Dark Gray or black in color. Straight rigid pipe. Could possibly come up through floor	Brown: May have green corrosion spots	Mostly in newer homes or replacement service lines.
No thread connections	Threaded connections	No threaded connections	No Threaded connections
Can scratch with penny. Shiny silver material	Hard to scratch and remain gray in color	Copper, like a Penny	Blue, Black or White in color
Does not stick to a magnet	Magnet WILL stick to material	Does not stick to magnet	Does not stick to a magnet
			

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## Lead Service Line Survey Paper Form

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also complete  
the survey online:



[https://youngstownohio.gov/  
water-lead-survey](https://youngstownohio.gov/water-lead-survey)

### Identify Your Service Line Type:

(Please check **ONE** only.)

Lead

Galvanized Iron

Copper

Plastic

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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