

On December 22, 2020, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the first major update to the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) in nearly 30 years. EPA's new rule strengthens every aspect of the LCR to better protect children and communities from the risks of lead exposure. The new LCR will better protect children at elementary schools and childcare facilities, get the lead out of our nation's drinking water, and empower communities through information.

In order for individuals, communities, water systems, and local governments to effectively take action to reduce lead in drinking water, they need to know where lead service lines are and what resources are available to help address lead in drinking water. The new Lead and Copper Rule builds the information infrastructure needed to empower these decisions.

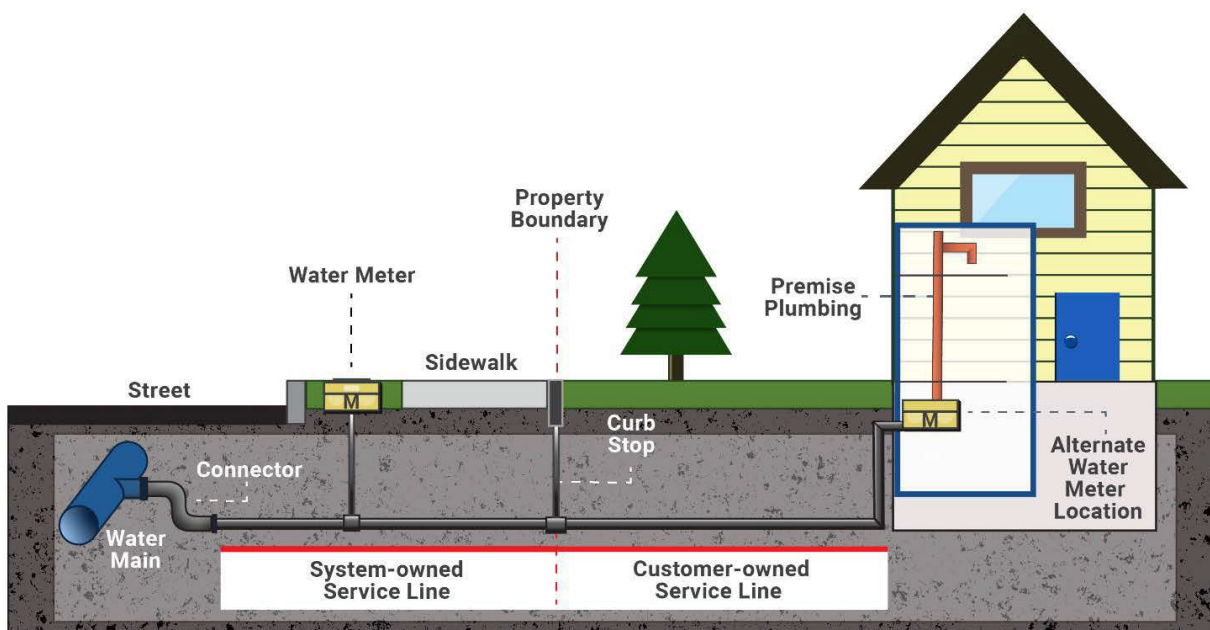
Public Inventory of Lead Service Lines: Under the new rule, water systems are required to identify and make public the locations of lead service lines, following the example of many cities across the country who have proactively taken this step. By providing thorough and transparent information on where lead service lines exist, communities can make informed decisions to reduce lead exposure. Additionally, residents with a known or potential lead service line will be notified and receive information about steps that they can take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water.

Water Service Line Survey

To comply with EPA regulations, public water systems are required to complete an inventory of service lines, and this survey plays a vital role in helping your public water system fulfill this obligation effectively. The following information will help you determine where your water service line is and what material the line is made of.

Find Your Water Service Line

Before completing the survey, you need to determine where the water service line is and how it connects to your home. If you need assistance finding your service line, contact your public water system at 208-875-0708



Outside Meter or Curb Stop

To locate where the water service line enters your home, look for a water meter and curb stop valve. These are usually found at the front of your property near the street or sidewalk and are ground-level boxes labeled "water" or "meter." Once you find them, follow the shortest path to your home. The water service line should enter the building through the floor or foundation wall in this general area.



Test the Pipe Material

Once you've found where the water service line enters your home, look for a spot on the pipe closest to the wall or floor before it connects to a valve or meter. At this spot, you can test the material the pipe is made of.



Testing Tools

Use the following tools to determine the type of pipe material the water service line is made of.

- **Refrigerator magnet**—use to test if the pipe is made of steel.
- **Coin or key**—use to scratch the pipe to reveal the metal's color and hardness.
- **Flashlight or mobile phone**—light to clearly see the pipe.



Plastic



Copper



Galvanized Steel & valve



Scratched Lead

Plastic—This pipe comes in different materials and colors. If you tap it with a coin, the pipe does not make a ringing sound.

Copper—Scratch the pipe and it appears orange and shiny like a penny, which means the pipe is made of copper. Additionally, a magnet will not stick to it.

Galvanized Steel or Iron—The pipe appears silvery gray and is difficult to scratch and a magnet sticks on it. The pipe is made of galvanized steel or galvanized iron.

Lead—The pipe is silvery gray and (1) is easily scratched, (2) the metal seems soft, and (3) a magnet does not stick to it—likely lead pipe.

Water Line Service Survey

Location Information

Address: _____

City: Potlatch

Zip Code: 83855

Please answer the following questions:

Do you own or rent this building? Own Rent

What year was the building built? _____

To your knowledge, has the water service line for your building ever been replaced?

Yes What year was it replaced? _____

No

Not sure

What material is your water service line? You may choose more than one.

Lead Copper

Steel (ductile iron pipe, galvanized) Plastic (HDPE, PVC)

Unknown Cannot locate service line

How did you determine the material? Choose one.

Scratch test Visual

Cannot locate service line Plumber or other qualified professional

Thank you. Please return your survey by June 1, 2024 to the following representative:

Potlatch City Hall, located at 195 6th Street, Potlatch.

Or mail to:

City of Potlatch
PO Box 525
Potlatch, ID 83855

