



**Peaks Mill Water District
Lead Service Line Materials
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
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Why did I receive a post card from Peaks Mill Water District (PMWD) regarding my service line material?

EPA required all public water systems to notify customers that are served by lead piping, galvanized piping or unknown materials. PMWD has never used lead or galvanized piping. About 50 percent of service lines have been identified as “unknown” materials and EPA required PMWD to notify all customers with service lines identified as “unknown” materials about the potential risk of lead in drinking water.

What does EPA require of water systems?

All water systems in the United States are required to develop a “service line inventory” of both the public utility portion and the private customer portion of the service line and submit the inventory to the Kentucky Division of Water by October 16, 2024. PMWD submitted its inventory by the deadline and the inventory is available for review at the PMWD office at 7165 US 127 North. The PMWD office is open from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Does the water provided by PMWD contain lead?

Lead in drinking water comes from corrosion of plumbing materials made with lead. This includes the service line to your home, home plumbing, solder, and fixtures. The lead levels in PMWD’s drinking water has been tested and the lead levels are less than the federal levels established by EPA.

Did PMWD ever use lead plumbing materials?

PMWD began operations in 1971 and has never used lead plumbing materials for the service line from the water main to the meter connection. PMWD used plastic pipe or copper pipe for serving all customers from the water main to the meter. Installation of the portion of the service line from the meter to the house connection is the responsibility of the homeowner.

How do I find out if my home has a lead service line?

Homeowners can identify their plumbing materials using a scratch test on the pipe. Directions can be found at the “Check Your Pipes KY” website: bit.ly/checkyourpipesky

When was lead banned for plumbing in the United States?

If your home was built after January 1, 1988, it can be assumed that your home does not have any lead piping, since the federal government implemented a ban on the use of lead plumbing materials at that time.

How can I help PMWD with identification of the plumbing material serving my home?

If you know the year your home was built, you can call the water district office at 502-227-5740. If your home was built after January 1, 1988, you will be removed from the annual post card notice, since your service line will be identified as “non-lead”, installed after the federal lead ban.

If you know the type of pipe material serving your home (from the water meter to the house connection), you can call the PMWD office at 502-227-5740 and provide this information which will allow us to update the service line inventory, and you may be removed from the annual post card notice.

Customers may contact the PMWD office at 502-227-5740 if you would like to participate in a voluntary survey regarding lead in your drinking water.

How can I get my water tested for lead?

Customers can have their water tested for lead by a state certified lab. PMWD does not have a certified lab and uses Fouser Environmental Services, 165 Camden Avenue, Versailles, KY, 859-873-6211. The cost of lead testing is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Lead Fact Sheets:

An EPA Lead Fact Sheet is available on the PMWD website at:

<https://www.peaksmillwaterdistrict.com>

More information regarding lead in drinking water is available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>