



Lead Water Lines

HOW CAN I TELL IF I HAVE LEAD PIPES?

To check, scratch the surface of the pipe with a screwdriver or key. The pipes are lead if the surface scratches easily and a shiny spot appears.

HOW CAN I TEST MY WATER FOR LEAD?

Here's how: Watch the [Testing Your Water for Lead video](#) or click on the [Lead in Drinking Water pdf](#).

WHAT IS MLGW DOING ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES?

Click on the [video](#) about replacing lead water service lines. Find out more about the [MLGW Water Service Line Inventory Project](#).

REPLACING LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES

MLGW began replacing lead water service lines in 2012. Roughly 24,000 – or just over 5% – of customer homes have lead service lines. MLGW stopped using lead service lines in the 1950s.

The Environmental Protection Agency's main goal is for U.S. water systems to achieve 100% lead service line replacement on both sides of the meter (the utility's and the customer's sides) within 10 years.

QUESTIONS?

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