

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER SERVICE LINES

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Para la versión en español visite: <https://www.garbervillesd.org/consumer-confidence-reports-c-c-r>

As required by U.S. EPA, the Garberville Sanitary District has identified your water service connection as a lead status unknown service line.

The Garberville Sanitary District recently conducted an inventory of our records related to water service lines, which is the pipe that connects the structures on your property to the water main. The purpose of the inventory is to identify the material of these service lines and fittings, including the customer-owned side of the water service line. **The pipe that connects the structures on your property to the water main was identified as an unknown material.** The District purchased this private water system in 2004 and received incomplete as-built records from the previous owner. We are continuing to physically investigate the service lines in locations where we do not currently have data. If your service line contains lead or certain galvanized pipe, it can potentially place you at risk for exposure to lead; therefore, this line will need to be replaced **if it is determined that it contains lead or certain galvanized pipe.** **Please contact the District at (707)923-9566 or jmshort@garbervillesd.org to inform us if your service line has been incorrectly categorized, to share any information you may have/find about your service line, or to inform us of your plans to alter or replace your service line.**

The District routinely monitors for lead in the distribution system and **the most recent water sample results received on September 28, 2022, showed that the 90th percentile of all lead levels measured in the distribution system was 0 µg/L.** The action level for lead in drinking water is 15 micrograms per liter (µg/L). The most recent water sample results do not exceed the action level of 15 µg/L for lead.

Is my water affected?

Since you **did not** receive any separate notice:

- **This is not an emergency.**
- **Your water is safe to drink and meets federal and state safe drinking water standards.**
- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**

What about my service line?

- Since your service line is categorized as a lead status unknown composition, you can help your public water system identify your service line material.
 - EPA has developed an online step-by-step guide to help people identify lead pipes in their homes called Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead. (<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead>)
 - Other organizations have also provided tools to identify service line material, such as the LSLR Collaborative (<https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/identifying-service-line-material.html>)
- Inform the District immediately if you plan to alter or replace your service line because we may be required to replace the system portion of the service line as well.
- Please contact us immediately if you feel that we have incorrectly categorized the service line material.

What happens next?

The District has been systematically replacing all the service lines within the district for the past 15 years. Over half of them have been replaced. We will continue to replace them as we replace the meters. Priority will be given to any services that are determined to contain lead or galvanized pipe. Again, please let us know if you have information about what type of pipe your service contains as your service is designated as unknown.

We anticipate replacing your service line by 2030. This may be expedited if you plan to alter or replace the water service line on your property at an earlier time because we may be required to replace the system portion.

Lead Related Health Information

- *Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can cause new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.*
- If you have concerns about your water quality, the State Water Board's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program has a map of laboratories that can test your water at the consumer's expense, which can be found at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs/
- If you still have health concerns from potential lead exposure in your drinking water, there are point-of-use (POU) devices that can be used on your drinking water taps to provide an additional barrier of protection. A list of these residential treatment devices can be found at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/device/watertreatmentdevices.html
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your health care provider.

Additional Resources

To replace lead or galvanized requiring replacement service lines, to verify the material of an unknown service line, for information on financial programs to assist with service line replacements, or for any other information, contact **Jennie Short at (707)923-9566 or jmshort@garbervillesd.org and/or visit <https://www.garbervillesd.org/consumer-confidence-reports-c-c-r>**

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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