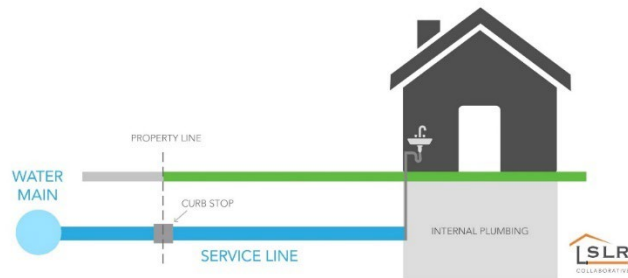




## Notice to Individuals Served by a Service Line of Unknown Material

The City of Renville is focused on protecting the health of every household in our community. This notice contains important information about your drinking water. Please share this information with anyone who drinks and/or cooks using water at this property. In addition to people directly served at this property, this can include people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses, as well as parents served by childcare at this property.

The City of Renville is working to identify service line materials throughout the water system and has determined that as of 10/16/2024, a portion of or the entire water pipe (called a service line) that connects your home, building, or other structure to the water main is made from **unknown material** but may be lead. In some cases, a portion of the service line may have been identified as non-lead but it is still classified as unknown until the entire length of the service line has been identified. Because your service line material is unknown, there is the potential that some or all of the service line could be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was previously connected to lead. People living in homes with a lead or galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead service line have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.



Individuals can find information on service line material information on addresses located in Minnesota at: [Minnesota Service Line Material Tool \(umn.edu\)](https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/) (<https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/>)

### Identifying service line material

To help determine the material of your service line, please contact the City of Renville Public Works Department at 320-329-4304 or email at [public.works@ci.renville.mn.us](mailto:public.works@ci.renville.mn.us). 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. It is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead>.

## Health effects of lead

*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 lead to new learning and behavior problems or worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.*

## Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking water.

Recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water are listed below. The list also includes links where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead in drinking water.

**Learn about construction in your neighborhood.** Contact the City of Renville about construction or maintenance work that could disturb your water service line. Construction may cause lead to be released from a lead or galvanized service line.

**Use a filter.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. Make sure the filter is certified to remove lead. Learn how to properly install the filter and when to replace it. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information on facts and advice on home water filtration systems, visit EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.

**Clean your aerator.** Regularly remove and clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator) to remove sediment, debris, and possible lead particles. Lead particles in the screen may increase the concentration of lead in your water.

**Only use cold water.** Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.

**Run your water.** Run your water before drinking it. You can save water used for flushing your home's pipes by taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes before running it for drinking. The amount of time to run the water depends on the length of the lead service line. Residents should run their water for at least 30-60 seconds before using it.

**Test your water.** Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>) to purchase a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample. Note, a water sample may not adequately capture or represent all sources of lead that may be present. For information on sources of lead that include service lines and interior plumbing, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>

## Understand Blood Lead Testing

In Minnesota, elevated blood lead levels are most associated with lead exposure from lead paint and dust. Water is rarely the cause of elevated blood lead levels. If you have concerns about childhood lead exposure, check with your family doctor, pediatrician, or health care provider to determine if a blood test for lead is recommended. State, city, or county departments of health can also provide information about health effects of lead and how you can have your child's blood tested for lead. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that public health actions be initiated when the level of lead in a child's blood is

3.5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) or more. For more information and links to CDC's website, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

MDH also has Lead Information for Families (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/families.html>).

## Replacing lead service lines

To replace lead service lines and for information on local and state programs that provide funding or financing solutions to assist property owners with replacement of their portion of a lead service line, please contact the City of Renville at 320-329-8366.

Ownership of a service line is split between the customer and water utility. The City of Renville is required to replace the utility owned portion of the lead service line when a property owner notifies us that they are replacing their portion beginning October 16, 2024. If you are planning on replacing the portion of the service line that you own, please notify the City of Renville Public Works Department at 320-329-4304.

If the property owner replaces their portion of the service line without coordinating with the City of Renville, the property owner will be responsible for all costs related to the replacement of the privately owned portion of the service line.

**For additional information on the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, please visit:**

[Lead Service Line Replacement Program Facts - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslrprogram.html)  
(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslrprogram.html>)

**For more information about lead in drinking water visit the Minnesota Department of Health webpage at:**  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>

*Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people renting the property or people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).*

A copy of this Notice will be available on the City of Renville's website to provide easier access to these links.

[www.ci.renville.mn.us](http://www.ci.renville.mn.us)