



Identifying Lead Service Lines

Help Us Get the Lead Out

The City of Lawton needs your help to identify the material of your water service line.

We've launched a community-wide project to identify what every service line (e.g., pipe that brings water to your home) in our system is made of. Lines can be made of lead, plastic, brass, steel or iron. Lead pipes are the primary source of lead in drinking water. Identifying which lines are lead is an important step to removing this source of lead from our community.

This is in response to recent regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), all Public Water Supply (PWS) systems are required to develop a comprehensive Lead Service Line Inventory (LSI) of both publicly owned and customer-owned service lines.

How is the service line material data being gathered?

The process to inventory publicly owned lines has already begun. The City is working with the Comanche County Tax Assessor to identify homes built and service lines installed before 1991, which are connected to water meters. The year 1991 is significant because it marks the adoption of plumbing codes in Lawton that restrict the use of lead in plumbing fixtures. Additionally, the City is identifying lines during the ongoing waterline replacements throughout Lawton.

CONTACT US:

Water Treatment Plant – (580) 529-2703

How you can help!

We ask for your participation in this important effort.

We encourage residents to take a survey to help identify their service lines. The survey can be found at <https://arcg.is/0nCSvD> and will walk citizens through the process of checking their service lines to determine the material of the pipe. The Public Utilities Department is currently developing a Lead/Galvanized Replacement Program to assist citizens who find their service lines are composed of lead or galvanized steel.

The City of Lawton is also offering free lead testing for residents to ensure there is no lead above the action limit set by the EPA. We urge residents to contact the City's Water Treatment Plant at (580) 529-2703 and ask for a chemist or lab tech to get started.

Please check for proper identification before allowing anyone self-identifying as a water system representative into your home or building. Contact us if you have any questions at (580) 529-2703.

Additional Resources:

For more information on the health impacts of lead in drinking water visit EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

For ways EPA, Oklahoma, and the City of Lawton are working toward eliminating lead exposure from lead service lines, visit <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>