

Brownsville Municipal Water System Customer Water Service Line Survey

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations of lead in drinking water are an evolving process. The EPA recently revised the 1991 Lead and Copper Rule with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (2021), Guidance on required inventory (2022), and then the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (2023). This means we are required to inventory the water pipe material on both sides of the meter for every metered customer (business, agricultural, and residential). The inventory must be completed by October 2024. We are cataloging our service lines and are asking for your help to identify the materials on your side of the meter. This keeps everyone healthy and in compliance with federal regulations, thereby keeping our water rates from significantly increasing.

This inventory applies to only the service line (main line to meter to the entry point of the building) and **NOT** the plumbing throughout the rest of the premises. You can find this information from plumbing records (such as water heater repair, or a line break), a recent house inspection report, or by doing a visual inspection of the line. You can perform a scratch test and strong magnet test to find the material type. Find where the water service line enters your house, by locating your meter and searching the inside walls of your foundation on that side. The incoming line may come up from the basement floor or out of wall. If you have a crawlspace, it will come through the foundation wall or out of the floor. If you have slab foundation, it will typically come up through the floor usually in a utility closet. Check if the pipe is metal or plastic. If it is metal, perform the scratch test to discover what the material looks like after a scratch deep enough to leave an indent. If it is copper, then you have a copper pipe. If it is shiny silver, it may be lead. Apply a strong magnet to see if it sticks. If it sticks, you should have galvanized steel/iron. If you need assistance with this task, please call us at 270-524-5701 or visit the Kentucky Division of Water's "Check Your Pipes Kentucky" webpage at <https://bit.ly/checkyourpipesky> for videos and other resources. We will provide resources to customers that need assistance with replacing lead pipe.

If you don't know the year your dwelling was built/installed, contact the County PVA (Property Valuation Administrator) to locate tax records.

Name: _____ Account Number: _____

Service Street Address (address of meter): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Property Ownership: Rent _____ Own _____ Age of building: _____

Service Line Material: (examples: PEX, PVC, HDPE, Copper, Lead, Galvanized Steel/Iron, Unknown, Other)

How did you come to this conclusion: _____

If you have copper piping included in your premise plumbing, does it contain lead solder? _____

Can you provide a photograph: _____

Thank you for your time and consideration in providing information on this very important matter. If you have any questions, please contact us at 270-597-3814 or email at BrownsvilleWater@windstream.net

