

FAQ's

Fact: Apartments and other buildings with more than six units do not have lead pipes, regardless of age. Lead is too soft to handle the pressure needed for these types of buildings.

If I don't live in the Lead Zone can I still book an appointment for a free water sample?

City development after lead use in service lines was discontinued fall outside of the Lead Zone. Sarnia is confident that if your home is not in the Lead Zone, the service line is not lead and sampling is not being offered outside of the Lead Zone.

How does lead get into my drinking water?

Sarnia's water contains little to no traces of lead once it leaves the water treatment plant. Lead gets into your drinking water by:

1. Lead service lines from the water main to your home, both private and publicly owned
2. Internal plumbing lines
3. Solder containing lead
4. Fixtures such as taps

Why replace lead pipes?

Lead in drinking water is a health concern for children six years old and younger, pregnant women, women who are planning a pregnancy and the elderly. [Lambton Public Health](#) has more information and documents on the effects of lead on these individuals.

What if I have a lead service line?

If you think you have a lead service line, contact the City of Sarnia to schedule a verification visit (Phone: 519-332-0527 ext. 2232 Email: leadreduction@sarnia.ca). If the City confirms the presence of lead, you should replace the lead service line at your earliest convenience. You may be eligible for participation in the filter rebate program.

Who is responsible for replacing lead service lines?

If the service line from the watermain to the property line is made of lead, it is the City's responsibility to replace those pipes. If the service line from the property line into the home is made of lead, it is the homeowner's responsibility to replace those pipes.

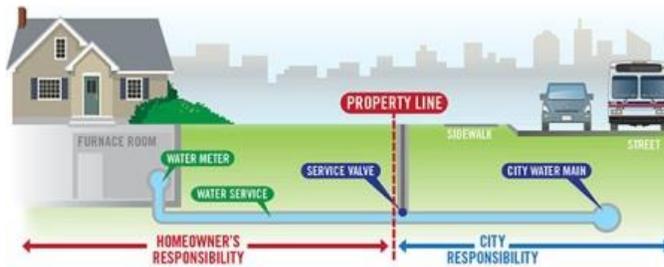


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Definitions

Water service lines: The pipes that deliver treated drinking water from the City's water main to private property/a customer's plumbing. The water service line includes all the pipe, valves and fittings from the watermain, through the water meter, ending at the customer's interior plumbing.

City-owned (City-side) service line: The portion of the water service line located on City-owned property, from the water main in the street to the boulevard/property line.

Private Service line: The portion of the water service line located on private property, from the boulevard/property line to the homeowner's interior plumbing.

Lead service line: Water service lines that are entirely or partially made of lead, typically used in homes built before the mid-1950s.

Full service line replacement: Replacement of both the City-owned and privately-owned portions of the water service lines.

Partial service line replacement: Replacement of either the City-owned or the privately-owned portion of the water service line; lead may remain on the portion of the water service line that is not replaced.