



**Please complete the survey online or call to schedule your appointment  
No later than 06/01/2023**

April XX, 2023

Dear Resident,

We are writing to you today regarding an update to the federal drinking water standards and to inform you of a water service line material survey.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently strengthened its drinking water standards related to lead and copper. (This is called the Lead and Copper Rule Revision.) The revised requirements protect our public health to an even greater degree by reducing exposure to lead in drinking water. Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body. **The drinking water provided to residents from the City of Red Wing does NOT contain lead.**

However, lead can enter the drinking water from corrosion (the wearing away) of plumbing materials that contain lead. These materials include lead service pipes, lead-based materials (solder) used to join copper pipe, and brass components. These materials were commonly used before 1986. Galvanized pipes, while not composed of lead, are porous and can accumulate lead deposits and then release them into the water. The goal of this rule revision is to identify and replace all lead and galvanized service lines.

As part of the new federal requirements, the City of Red Wing will be inventorying all water service line materials connected to the public water distribution system. This includes the materials of the private-owned portion. The building type, building plumbing materials and approximate install date/s, and if any treatment is present is also need to complete the survey.

This survey can be found online at [www.red-wing.org](http://www.red-wing.org) and search for service line material form or by scanning the QR Code in this letter. A paper copy of the survey is included with the letter. The completed survey can be returned to:

Red Wing Public Works  
229 Tyler Road North  
Red Wing, MN 55066

Or [steve.thoms@ci.red-wing.mn.us](mailto:steve.thoms@ci.red-wing.mn.us)

**(Turn Over)**

229 Tyler Road North  
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Website: [www.red-wing.org](http://www.red-wing.org)  
Phone: 651.385.3674  
Fax: 651.388.0243

Please complete the survey online or send it in to Public Works. If you are unable to complete the survey online or you are not sure what material your water service pipe is and you would like assistance in determining that, you can call City staff to come out and identify it. A site visit should not take more than 15 minutes and is at no cost to you. See the details below for making an appointment.

**To make an appointment for a site visit to your property, please email [pwoffice@ci.red-wing.mn.us](mailto:pwoffice@ci.red-wing.mn.us) or call 651-385-3674.**

**If you have any further questions, please contact Steve Thoms at 651-385-3674 or [steve.thoms@ci.red-wing.mn.us](mailto:steve.thoms@ci.red-wing.mn.us).**

Find out how to identify what material your service pipe is here: <https://www.red-wing.org/1124/Lead-Service-Line-Replacement>

For more information on lead and copper in the City's drinking water, please visit our website at <https://www.red-wing.org/508/Water-Production-Treatment>.

You can also visit the Minnesota Department of Health's Lead in Drinking Water webpages:

[www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html)

[www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/letitrun\\_english.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/letitrun_english.html)

The City of Red Wing prides itself in providing safe drinking water to all residents. It's important to note that the City regularly conducts routine lead sampling across the water system, and the City has not found any trigger level test results in our community (that's a sample result of 10 parts per billion or more of lead). The new federal requirements are designed to protect all users of a public water system across the U.S., and the City is committed to maintaining clean drinking water for everyone here in Red Wing.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Obtener en español en <https://www.red-wing.org/508/Water-Production-Treatment>.

Scan this code to complete the survey online!



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