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Greetings:

The City conducts routine lead and copper testing of our drinking water in compliance with the EPA's "Lead and Copper Rule" (LCR). Every three years, we test water from 10 high-risk homes, identified based on plumbing age and materials, to monitor for lead and copper levels.

In our latest testing, lead levels exceeded the EPA's "action level," meaning we must take steps to reduce potential lead exposure.

The City's surface water, sourced from Dexter Reservoir, does not contain detectable levels of lead. Instead, the primary source of lead exposure in drinking water comes from the plumbing within homes and businesses. Lead can leach into water from lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures, especially in older buildings.

In addition to sharing this notice, the City will increase monitoring of lead and copper and work with the Oregon Health Authority to determine if corrosion control measures should be installed at the water treatment plant.

As an added step, the City recently completed an inventory of our service lines—the pipes connecting homes to the water main. This inventory did not detect any lead service lines. See the back of this sheet for more detail.

We encourage residents, especially those with older plumbing, to check their own plumbing and fixtures, as these can contribute to lead levels in household water. If you are unsure about your plumbing materials, consider consulting a licensed plumber for an assessment and for additional guidance on how to protect your household. Please refer to the enclosed pamphlet, "Lead in Drinking Water," for easy steps to further protect your home.

Sincerely,

Jeremy B. Caudle  
City Administrator

**Informational weblinks:**

National Public Radio – How to find out if you have lead pipes in your home  
<https://apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home/en/#intro>

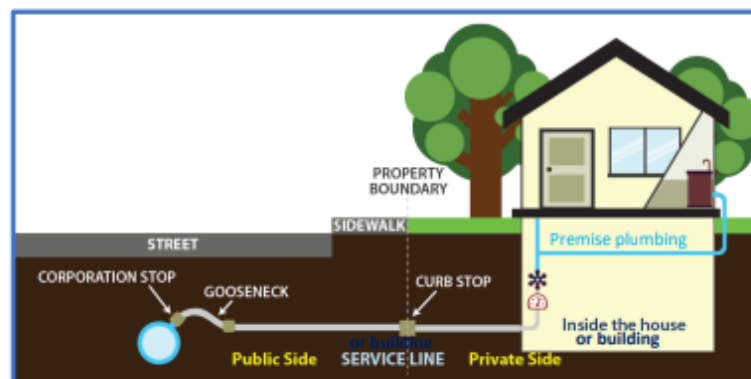
American Water Works Association – "Together, let's get the lead out."  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqFHrae92OM>

# Information on City of Lowell lead and copper service line inventory

The Lowell Public Works Department recently completed an inventory of all service lines. That inventory found **0** lead service lines out of the total **507** service lines in the City's water system. To view these reports, as well as more information on lead and copper testing within the City, visit the Oregon Health Authority's website at the following link. Select the "Service lines" tab to review the results of the City's service line inventory.

## What is a service line?

A *service line* is defined as the pipe(s), fittings, and meter located between the discharge of the corporation fitting (aka corp stop) adjacent to a water main and a customer's building inlet. The service line may be owned by the water system, the property owner, or both. The diagram below shows an example.



## Informational weblinks:

City of Lowell - Public Water System ID – 00492 – Lead and copper service line inventory  
<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/leadcopper.php?pwsno=00492>

Oregon Health Authority – “Frequently Asked Questions about Service Line Inventory Requirements.”

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKING-WATER/RULES/Documents/LCRR/FAQ-LCRR-Inventory.pdf>