City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach

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952-471-8878

November 14, 2024

Dear Property Owner,

The City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach is focused on protecting the health of every household in our community. You are receiving this notice as a part of a Minnesota Department of Health requirement regarding water service line material.

Over the past year, Minnetonka Beach has been working and is continuing to work on identifying service line materials and providing documentation of non-lead or galvanized services throughout the water system. The City has no reason to believe that there are any lead or galvanized service lines within the system. Throughout the various utility reconstruction projects and numerous new home builds throughout the City, no lead or galvanized service line materials have ever been encountered.

As of October 1, 2024, a portion of or the entire water pipe (called a service line) that connects your home to the water main is made from an unknown material. In some cases, a portion of the service line may have been identified as non-lead, but it is still classified as unknown until the entire length of the service line has been identified. Over the past year, the City asked residents to email photos of their water line where it connects to their water meter to help identify service line material. If you have not yet sent your photo to the City, please send the photo to info@ci.minnetonka-beach.mn.us.

If your service has been documented as unknown and you are concerned that it may be lead or galvanized, you could have your water tested by a Minnesota Department of Health approved facility. If your test detects lead, the Minnesota Department of Health recommends a filtration or Reverse Osmosis system to be installed in your home.

Additional information and a list of approved testing facilities within Hennepin County follows.

If you have any additional questions, please contact City Hall.

Sincerely,

Heidi Honey

Heidi Honey
City Administrator
City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach

City of Minnetonka Beach Notification of Unknown Service Line Materials

The City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach is focused on protecting the health of every household in our community. This notice contains important information about your drinking water. Please share this information with anyone who drinks and/or cooks using water at this property. In addition to people directly served at this property, this can include people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses, as well as parents served by childcare at this property.

The City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach is working to identify service line materials throughout the water system and has determined that as of 11/04/2024, a portion of or the entire water pipe (called a service line) that connects your home to the water main is made from **unknown material** but may be lead. In some cases, a portion of the service line may have been identified as non-lead but it is still classified as unknown until the entire length of the service line has been identified. Because your service line material is unknown, there is the potential that some or all of the service line could be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was previously connected to lead. People living in homes with a lead or galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead service line have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.

Individuals can find information on service line material information on addresses located in Minnesota at: Minnesota Service Line Material Tool (umn.edu) (https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/)

Identifying service line material

The City has requested every resident to provide a photo of the water line where it connects to the water meter to determine the material of your service line. If you have not already done this, please email your photo to info@ci.minnetonka-beach.mn.us. If you have questions about this process, contact Jason Hilgers at 612-618-3407. Additionally, EPA has developed an online step-by-step guide to help people identify lead pipes in their homes called Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead. It is available at: https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead.

Health effects of lead

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.

Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking water.

Below are recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. The list also includes links where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead in drinking water.

Use a filter. Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, it should be certified to remove lead. Read any directions provided with the filter to learn how to properly install, maintain, and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information on facts and advice on home water filtration systems, see EPA's https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead.

Clean your aerator. Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.

Use cold water. Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.

Run your water. The more time water has been sitting in pipes providing water to your home, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line or not, as well as the length and diameter of the service line and the amount of plumbing in your home.

Learn what your service line material is. The City has requested every resident to provide a photo of the water line where it connects to the water meter to determine the material of your service line. If you have not done that already, please email it to info@ci.minnetonka-beach.mn.us. If you have questions about this process, contact Jason Hilgers at 612-618-3407. Alternatively, you can also follow this link: Protect Your Tap: A quick check for lead to find lead pipes in your home.

Have your water tested. Contact us, your water system, at info@ci.minnetonka-beach.mn.us or 952-471-8878 to find out where you can have your water tested, or use the attached list to find a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory (https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) to purchase a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample. Note, a water sample may not adequately capture or represent all sources of lead that may be present**.** For information on sources of lead that include service lines and interior plumbing, please visit https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto

Understand Blood Lead Testing

In Minnesota, elevated blood lead levels are most associated with lead exposure from lead paint and dust. Water is rarely the cause of elevated blood lead levels. If you have concerns about childhood lead exposure, check with your family doctor, pediatrician, or health care provider to determine if a blood test for lead is recommended. State, city, or county departments of health can also provide information about health effects of lead and how you can have your child's blood tested for lead. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that public health actions be initiated when the level of lead in a child's blood is 3.5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) or more. For more information and links to CDC's website, please visit https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water. MDH also has Lead Information for Families(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/families.html).

Lead Service Line Replacement

To date, Minnetonka Beach has not identified any lead or galvanized service lines in the system, therefore replacement of lead or galvanized service lines is not an ongoing effort in the city. This is not the case for all water systems throughout the state. For additional information on the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, please visit: MDH Lead Service Line Replacement Program Facts: https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslrprogram.html

For more information about lead in drinking water visit the Minnesota Department of Health webpage at:
https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html

Hennepin County Accredited Water Testing Laboratories

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EPA ID	Laboratory Name	State Code	City	State	Phone
MN00911	Tri-City/William Lloyd Analytical Lab	027-053-355	Bloomington	MN	952-563-4904
MN01019	City of Eden Prairie Utilities Laboratory	027-053-382	Eden Prairie	MN	952-949-8530
MN00905	Twin City Water Clinic, Inc.	027-053-119	Hopkins	MN	(952)-935-3556
MN00064	Pace Analytical Services, LLC - Minneapolis MN	027-053-137	Minneapolis	MN	(612)607-1700
MN00914	Xcel Energy, Inc., Minneapolis Testing Laboratory	027-053-197	Minneapolis	MN	(612)630-4506
MN01034	Engel Water Testing, Inc.	027-003-105	Minnetrista	MN	952-955-1800

Disclaimer:
These laboratories held valid accreditation at the time this database search was conducted. This information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as an endorsement of a particular laboratory. Other laboratories may hold accreditation for the identified tests and may not appear here due to pending applications or other exclusions not entered into the original query. If you have questions about the accreditation status of a particular laboratory, please contact MNELAP (651-201-5324 or health.mnelap@state.mn.us).