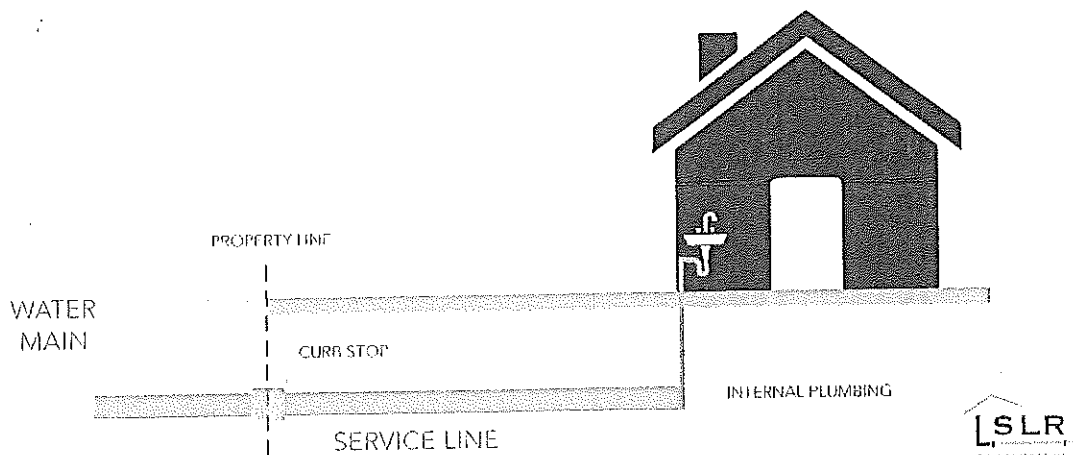


## Notice of unknown service line material

This notification is generated through the City of Tamarac's Lead Service Line Identification and Replacement Program and complies with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPAs) mandates for the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Information regarding the program, including an interactive map with the status of your water service line material, can be found at the City of Tamarac's Public Website at the following web address: <https://www.tamarac.org/1417/Lead-Service-Line-Identification-and-Rep>. You are receiving this notification because your water service line material has been classified as unknown. **If you believe this information is not correct, please contact the City's Public Services Department at (954) 597-3751 or email us at [WaterServiceLineID@tamarac.org](mailto:WaterServiceLineID@tamarac.org).**

The City of Tamarac 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 Tamarac is working to identify service line materials throughout the water system and has determined that the material for your water pipe (called a service line) that connects your home, building, or other structure to the water main is currently classified as **unknown**. 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.





### Identifying service line material

To help determine the material of your service line, please contact a licensed plumber or qualified professional. Once you have identified your service line, please contact the City's Public Services Department to report your findings. The City will then update the status of your service line material based on your verified information.

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>. Please note that the City of Tamarac recommends consulting a plumber or qualified professional to verify the material for your service line.

### 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.<sup>1</sup>*

### 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 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 filters properly.** 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.** Running the water to flush your plumbing system may reduce the amount of lead accumulated in the system during periods of nonuse. 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. Please contact a licensed plumber or qualified professional if you require specific flushing instructions based on your home's plumbing system.

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**Learn what your service line material is.** Contact a licensed plumber to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead, galvanized, or other materials. **To find out about what the City is doing to identify service lines, please visit the City's website at <https://www.tamarac.org/1417/Lead-Service-Line-Identification-and-Rep> or contact us at (954) 597-3751 or email us at [WaterServiceLineID@tamarac.org](mailto:WaterServiceLineID@tamarac.org).** **Protect Your Tap:** A quick check for lead is EPA's on-line step-by-step guide to learn how to find lead pipes in your home and can be accessed at the following webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead-0>.

**Have your water tested.** Contact a certified laboratory to have your water tested and to learn more about the lead levels in your drinking water. A list of certified laboratories is available at **the FDEP's website and can be accessed using the following web address:** <https://floridadep.gov/water/source-drinking-water/content/information-certified-drinking-water-laboratories>. 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>.

Get your child tested to determine lead levels in their blood.

Although there is no confirmation of having a lead service line, you may wish to speak with a healthcare provider to see if your child's blood lead level is elevated and/or if there is a need for blood testing, if you are concerned about potential exposure. Please visit the CDC's [Recommended Actions Based on Blood Lead Level](#) for information on these actions.

**For more information on reducing lead exposure** from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.