

## LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

## **Our Commitment**

In accordance with the New Jersey Legislation signed into law on July 22, 2021, utilities must replace the entire length of the lead or galvanized steel service line from the water main in the street to the water meter on the home or building owner's property.

USA-PA is committed to ensuring that the drinking water that is provided to the city of Perth Amboy is safe. USA-PA also takes all of the necessary steps to ensure that we are in compliance with all applicable regulations.

Like many other water systems in New Jersey, the city of Perth Amboy's water system has older homes and buildings that may have lead and galvanized steel service lines. The service lines are small, buried pipes that bring water from the water main in the street to buildings. As water travels through the lead or galvanized steel service line, the corrosion of the pipe can add lead into the treated water delivered to customers. The treated water from USA-PA's treatment plant and street water mains is otherwise lead free. Therefore, the existing lead service lines, lead solder in indoor plumbing, and lead in some older plumbing fixtures are the causes of lead in customers' drinking water.

Exposure to high levels of lead is a serious health risk. Lead builds up in the body over many years and can cause damage to the brain, red blood cells, and kidneys. The greatest risk is to young children, pregnant women, and unborn babies.

## **Program Expectations**

A letter will go out (February 2022) to all of USA-PA customers with known lead or galvanized steel service lines, which requires water utilities to replace all lead and galvanized steel service lines by 2031.

USA-PA has taken the time to gather all of the necessary information to create a service line inventory of Perth Amboy. As a customer of USA-PA, you have access to the city's/public service line inventory. On the city's <u>website</u> you will find the service line material inventory spreadsheet, along with detailed instructions for filling it out below:

The instructions below will help you navigate through the spreadsheet and help you identify your property.

Locate your home/buildings address. Follow the row to the column labeled "Service Line Category."

Under "Service Line Category you will find one of four abbreviations: (UL, NL, G and L)

- UL: <u>Unknown Lead</u>. It has not be determined if your service line material is Lead or galvanized steel.
- NL: <u>Non-Lead</u>. It has been determined that your service line does is not lead or galvanized steel.
- **G**: <u>Galvanized Steel</u>. It has been determined that your service line contains galvanized steel.
- L: <u>Lead</u> Service Line. It has been determined that your service line contains lead.

## Scroll to the next column labeled "Suspected to be Lead". You will find one of two abbreviations: Y, N or it will be blank.

- Y: <u>Yes</u>. Yes signifies that your service line is suspected to be lead according to our records.
- N: <u>No</u>. No signifies that your service line does not contain lead according to our records.

The next column is labeled "Citys/Public Service Line Material". This column is referring to the service line material that runs from the water main (located in the street) to the curb of your property. You will find one of the following abbreviations: (L, G, C, P, O, UX or NA).

- L: <u>Lead</u>: This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is lead.
- **G**: <u>Galvanized Steel</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is galvanized steel.
- **C:** <u>Copper.</u> This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is copper
- P: Plastic. This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is plastic.
- **O**: <u>Other</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is something other than the materials listed.
- UX: <u>Unknown</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is currently unknown.
- NA: <u>Not Applicable</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is currently not applicable.

The next column is labeled "Customer Service Line Material". This column is referring to the service line material between the curb on your property to your home. You will find one of the following abbreviations: (L, G, C, P, O, UX or NA).

- L: <u>Lead</u>: This indicates that the service line material between the curb on your property to your home is lead.
- **G**: <u>Galvanized Steel</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the water main (located in the street) to the curb line is galvanized steel.
- **C:** <u>Copper.</u> This indicates that the service line material between the curb on your property to your home is copper
- P: Plastic. This indicates that the service line material between the curb on your property to your home is plastic.
- **O**: <u>Other</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the curb on your property to your home is something other than the materials listed.
- **UX**: <u>Unknown</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the curb on your property to your home is currently unknown.
- NA: <u>Not Applicable</u>. This indicates that the service line material between the curb on your property to your home is currently not applicable

Please contact USA-PA with any questions at 732-826-5335.