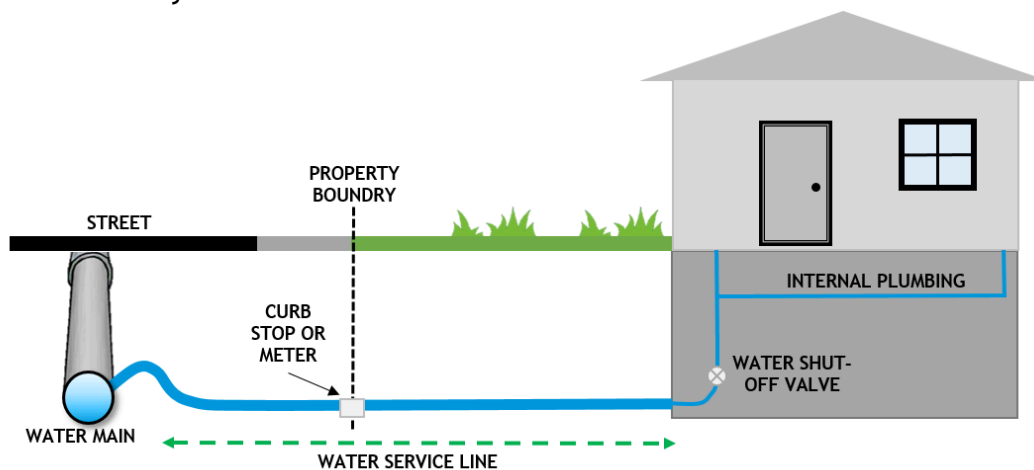


# Sunset Water District

## Lead Service Line Inventory September 2024

*Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.*

New state and federal laws are addressing the nationwide concerns about the possible existence of lead pipes that supply water to homes. To the best of our knowledge, there are no lead pipes in the Sunset Water District. However, we are working with the Colorado Health Department to do an inventory of all water service lines in the District. A service line is the underground pipe that carries water from the water main in the street into your home or building. We are required to notify consumers annually if their service line material is unknown.



*Figure 1. Typical configuration of a water service line connecting the water main in the street to the interior plumbing of a home.*

The water main and the line from the main to your water meter are all made of copper and were installed without the use of solder. The line from the meter to the house was typically installed when the house was built, or later, by the property owner. We have no record of the type of pipe that was used. Common materials are galvanized iron, copper or PVC plastic. Lead could be used, but it is not likely.

You can determine the type of service line you have by finding where the pipe enters your house. As shown in the diagram, there will be a shutoff valve at that point (It's always a good idea to learn the location of your shutoff valve, in case of water leaks).

We are asking you to fill out and return the attached inventory form if you are able to do so. Feel free to ask a neighbor or these Sunset Water District board members for assistance:

Bill Connelly 970-310-5277 (text preferred)  
Gary Spivak 970-222-9158  
Maryann Snyder 970-493-8753  
Nancy Morehouse 970-692-3801  
Davina Dolph 970-581-1386

## What does this mean? What is being done?

- **We need to determine the material of your water service line to ensure safe drinking water.** Please help us to confirm the material of your service line. It is important and easy to do. If you are unsure how to locate your service line or identify the material, we can assist you.
- **If your water service line contains lead, we will contact you to discuss replacement options.** Water systems are required to replace all system-owned lead service lines. Property owners are encouraged to replace their portion of the service line if it is made of lead. We are required to replace our portion of lead service line when the property owner notifies us they are replacing their portion of lead service line. If you are planning to replace your lead service line, contact us at 970-396-6588 prior to replacement so that we can coordinate our efforts.

## 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 exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

## What can I do to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water?

In addition to your service line, plumbing or faucets in your home may contain lead and could increase lead levels in your drinking water. See below for a list of steps you can take to minimize lead in your water:

1. **Run your water to flush out lead.** If it hasn't been used for several hours, run the cold water tap until the temperature is noticeably colder. This flushes lead-containing water from the pipes. To conserve water, remember to catch the flushed tap water for plants or some other household use (e.g. cleaning).
2. **Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.** Never cook with or drink water from the hot water tap. Never use water from the hot water tap to make formula.
3. **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water will not reduce lead.
4. **You may consider investing in a home water treatment device or alternative water source.** When purchasing a water treatment device, make sure it is certified under Standard 53 by NSF International to remove lead. Contact NSF at 1-800-NSF-8010 or visit the [NSF website](#). You may also visit the [Water Quality Association's website](#).
5. **Get your child's blood tested.** Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.
6. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit [EPA's website](#) or contact your health care provider.

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