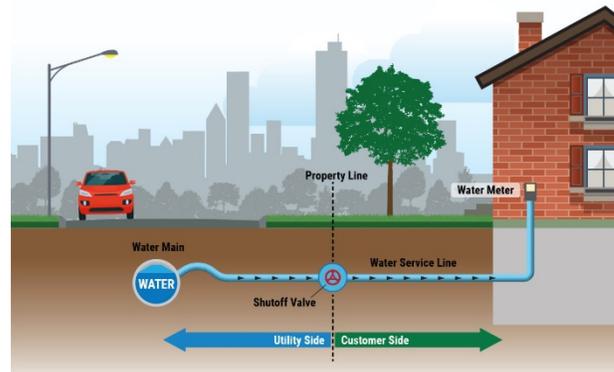


The US EPA recently published revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule that are intended to better protect children and communities from lead exposure risks and support efforts to remove lead from drinking water. The revisions require all Public Water Systems to complete an inventory of all service lines connected to their distribution system and develop a Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. The inventory must include the pipe material and other information for both the system-owned and customer-owned portions of the service line between the water main and a structure. The Inventory and Replacement Plan must be submitted to MassDEP by October 16, 2024, and the inventory must be made publicly accessible.

In working toward a lead-free water distribution system for its customers, the East Longmeadow DPW Water Division intends to apply for Financial Assistance under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to complete the lead service line inventory and replacement plan. Activities planned for the project include:



- reviewing of all existing records that may contain information on the material of each service line
- distributing a survey with instructions so customers may provide information or photos of their service line to help identify the pipe material
- conducting service line inspections where Water Division staff or a contractor will inspect the service line as it enters a customer's building in person
- providing public education and notification materials to customers and the community regarding lead and development of the inventory and replacement plan

East Longmeadow Water Division is committed to providing clean, safe drinking water to all customers and regularly conducts sampling for lead in accordance with all federal and state requirements. Information regarding lead in drinking water is provided in the Water Division's Annual Water Quality Report and on the DPW's website. The website will be updated regularly to include information on the new requirements under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, the status of funding under the DWSRF, and additional details on those activities listed above to develop the inventory.

For more information on lead in drinking water please visit:

MassDEP: <https://www.mass.gov/lead-in-drinking-water>

US EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

Lead Service Line Replacement Collaborative: <https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/>