

## **CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND WATER DIVISION**

The City of Woonsocket's Water Division is currently documenting all lead service lines in use by our customers for potential future replacement – at no additional cost to you. Lead service line replacements are being made possible through funding from the Rhode Island Department of Health and Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank. To be eligible for this program, you must have a lead service entering your home or business. Those interested in participating in the program must complete the enclosed questionnaire and mail it back to the Woonsocket Water Division.

It is the City's intent to replace all remaining lead services in the distribution system. However, this program has limited funding, and not all services may be able to be replaced at this time. Therefore, the City of Woonsocket will identify which lead service lines should be prioritized for replacement during this phase of the program. Services used by vulnerable populations (including households with women who are pregnant or those with young children) and those serving multiple residents will be prioritized for replacement.

Service pipe replacements are expected to begin in Spring 2024 and will continue until the funds are exhausted. You will be notified if your service line has been selected for replacement. Woonsocket Water Division will contact those selected to coordinate with you and the selected contractor to schedule the work. Additionally, you will be asked to sign a waiver which states: "By your participation in this program, you are granting the City of Woonsocket and its contractors permission to enter your property and home or business for the purposes of performing pipe replacement."

When filling out the questionnaire, please ensure that all information is accurate. If you do not mail in your questionnaire, it is assumed that you are not interested in participating in this program. If you have already submitted an application, no further action is needed, we will contact you shortly to begin scheduling your replacement.

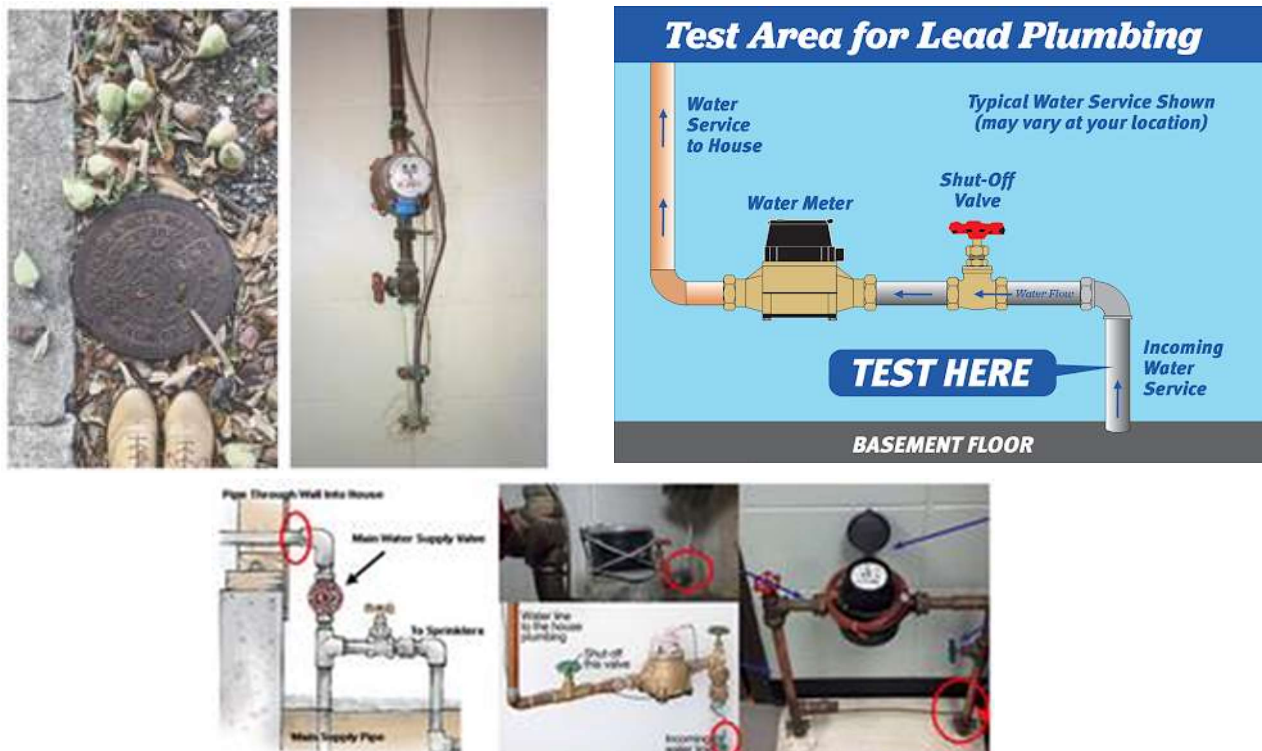
If you have any questions, please call either Jennifer Ptaszek at (401) 767-1411 or Marc Viggiani at (401) 767-2619.

## Identifying a Lead Service Line

Prior to completing the included questionnaire or online survey, property owners are asked to follow a few simple steps to perform a self-assessment of their water service pipe:

### Step 1: Locate the Water Meter & Incoming Service

The water meter can be located either inside the building, usually in a basement, crawlspace, or garage, or outside in a shallow meter pit or vault. If the water meter is outside the building, walk the shortest distance from the meter to your house and this is where the pipe should enter your home. You will want to test the portion of the pipe closest to the entry point on the wall.



*NOTE: The images on the left are examples of where you can find your water meter. The image to the right shows where to test the pipe to determine the pipe material. The bottom image shows additional locations you can find and test your incoming service line.*

### Step 2: Identify the Pipe Material

Identify the type of pipe coming into the building through the wall or floor as either lead, plastic, copper, or galvanized steel.

If unable to visually determine the material type, please see the back of this page for pipe material identifying characteristics. You will need a refrigerator magnet and a screwdriver or coin to perform a scratch test on the pipe.

**DO NOT** use a knife or other sharp object to scrape the pipe, doing so could puncture the pipe.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:*** *If the pipe entering the floor or wall is corroded or in otherwise poor condition, only perform the magnet test.*

### Step 3: Fill Out the Questionnaire

Property owners are asked to fill out the included questionnaire and mail it to the address listed below:

Woonsocket Water Division  
Attn: Lead Service Replacement Program  
PO Box B  
Woonsocket, RI 02895

## Pipe Material Identifying Characteristics



### 1.) Lead Pipe

- Typically, lead pipe is a dark matte gray color.
- Scratching a lead pipe will reveal a shiny silver/white color.
- A magnet **WILL NOT** stick to the pipe.
- Tapping a lead pipe with a coin will produce a dull sound.



### 2.) Copper Pipe

- Scratching a copper pipe will reveal a shiny “new penny” color.
- A magnet **WILL NOT** stick to the pipe.
- Tapping a copper pipe with a coin will produce a metallic ringing noise.



### 3.) Galvanized Steel Pipe

- Scratching a galvanized steel pipe will cause the pipe to remain a dull gray color.
- A magnet **WILL** stick to the pipe.
- Tapping a galvanized steel pipe with a coin will produce a metallic ringing noise.

### 4.) Plastic pipe

Should be easy to identify, can be many different colors with white, blue, and black most common. Plastic pipe will not attract a magnet.

# City of Woonsocket Lead Service Replacement Program

**2024**

Owner's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Number and Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip Code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Water Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Construction of the House/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Occupants/Employees at Service Connection: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle YES or NO if you or someone living at the Service Connection Address are considered most at risk to the health effects of lead (i.e., women who are pregnant or households with small children):**  
**YES NO**

**Is there a Child Care Facility run on the premises?** **YES NO**

By signing below, you attest that the information included herein is, to the best of your knowledge, accurate for the property located at the address written above and that you are the owner of the property.

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Completed questionnaires should be mailed to the following mailing address:\*\*\*

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