



LEAD AND YOUR DRINKING WATER

The water the City treats and sends out to your home is safe to drink but there are some plumbing and service connection types that may introduce lead into your water supply. Please review this information for details on the possible sources of lead in your drinking water, what you can do to find out if there is lead in your water and options you have to limit or remove the sources of lead.

SOURCES OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER



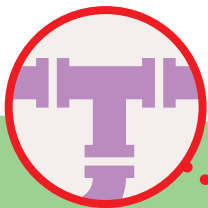
Copper Pipe with Lead Solder

Solder made or installed before 1986 contained high lead levels.



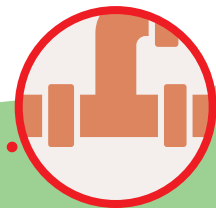
Faucets

There are some faucet heads still made today that contain low levels of lead.



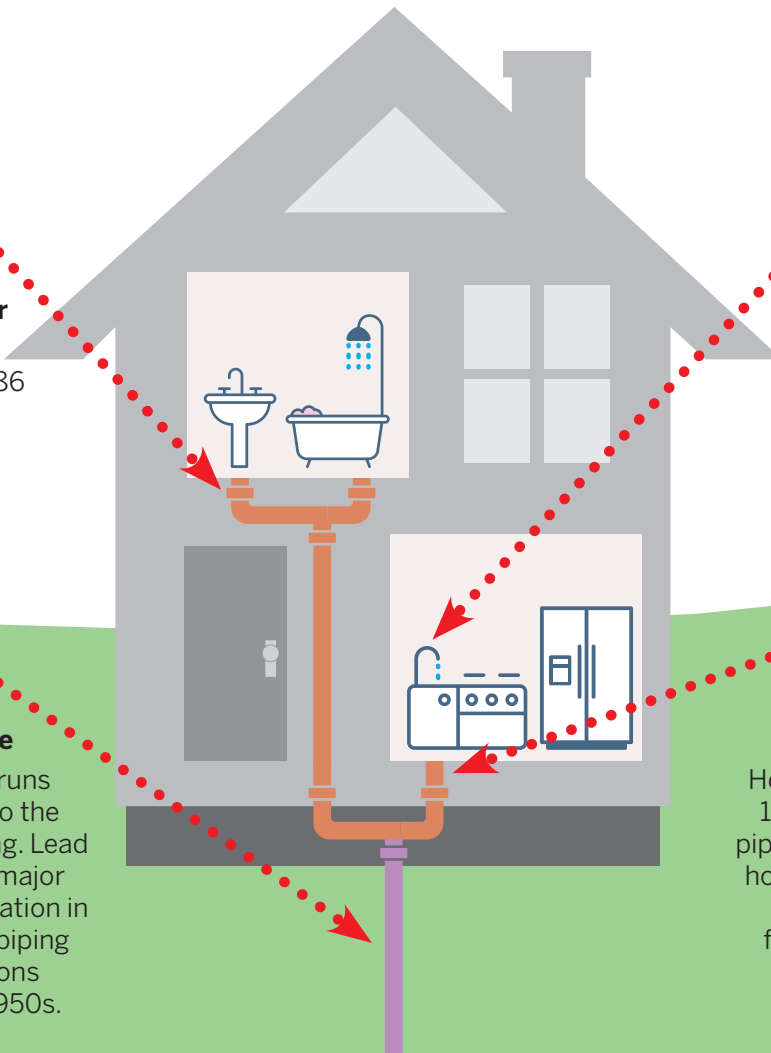
Lead Service Line

The service line that runs from the water main to the home's internal plumbing. Lead service lines can be a major source of lead contamination in water. The use of lead piping for service connections stopped in the early 1950s.



Internal Plumbing

Houses built in the early 1900s often used lead piping. In the 1930s, many households used copper or galvanized steel for internal plumbing.



WATER MAIN

REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE TO LEAD

To remove your risk of exposure to lead, it is best if you replace internal plumbing containing lead or lead solder and the lead service connection line to the building. If this is not an option, the following steps can be taken to protect yourself and members of your household:



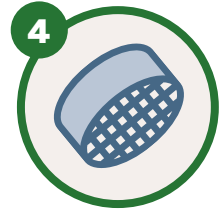
1 Before drinking, flush your pipes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes.



2 Use only the cold water tap when using water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.



3 Install a water filter certified to remove lead and change the filter as recommended.



4 Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator).

REPLACING LEAD SERVICE LINES



As a property owner you are responsible for the portion of the water service connected on your property. If you wish to replace your portion of the lead service line, you can apply to have the City owned

portion of the service replaced. The City replaces a number of lead services each year as part of ongoing repairs and upgrades to the water system.

You will need to complete an application form and supply confirmation from a certified plumber that your water service connection is made of lead. Once you have had your side replaced, your connection will be added to the list for the City to replace its portion.

TEST YOUR WATER



You can't see, smell or taste lead in water. To find out for certain if you have high lead levels in your drinking water, have your water tested. You can arrange for testing by a private, accredited, licensed laboratory.

Costs will vary. Below are two options for lab testing in Saskatchewan:

Saskatchewan Research Council

<https://www.src.sk.ca/services/water-quality-testing>
1-800-240-8808

Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory

<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/Services-Locations/RRPL>
1-306-787-7138

For more information, visit www.citypa.ca/leadwaterpipes
or call **(306) 953-4900**.