

## Cass County Public Water Supply District No. 9

### Lead Service Line Identification Initiative

The Federal Government recently mandated that community water suppliers must determine locations of service lines containing lead within the supplier's service area to encourage owners of lead-containing lines to eliminate them.

Therefore, PWSD9 as a Community Water Supplier (CWS) is required to conduct a survey and inventory the types of material used in all public and private water service lines within the distribution system.

Unlike other contaminants of potable water (drinking water), lead is usually not present in the potable water source. Lead gets into tap water as a result of water corroding lead in pipes, fixtures, and solders. The most effective way to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water is to remove the lead service line bringing water into your home from the water main.

If you are a resident or business owner within PWSD9's boundaries, please complete and return our LSLI Customer Survey as soon as possible. Your participation in this survey will greatly reduce District expenses in complying with this mandate.

### What is a Water Service Line and Who Owns It?

Water service lines are pipes that carry water from PWSD9's water main near the public street into homes and other buildings. PWSD9's service lines end at each meter. Service lines from the water meter to a home or building are owned by individual property owners.

### Will PWSD9 replace my lead service line?

The service line from the meter to the home, business, or other entity is the property owner's responsibility. Any lead service lines from the meter to the house, business, or other entity are privately owned and are the property owner's responsibility. PWSD9 strongly advises contracting a licensed plumber or contractor for the replacement of lead service lines.

### Lead Service Lines

PWSD9's water mains and service lines are lead-free. However, some homes may have a service line made of lead or lead components. Lead Service Lines (LSLs) are one of the primary sources of lead in potable drinking water. As LSLs transport treated public water throughout our homes, lead may be leached from those pipes into the potable drinking water. Older homes, especially those built prior to 1989, are more likely to have lead service lines, fixtures, and/or solder. However, it is also possible for the newer "lead-free" labeled fixtures to contain some lead.

### Take Our Survey

PWSD9 is surveying all homes within the district, particularly those built before 1989, to identify existing lead service lines. Please complete the brief LSLI Customer Survey to identify the material composition of our water lines and help our community comply with EPA regulations.