

An aerial photograph of a suburban residential neighborhood during the golden hour of sunset. The houses are densely packed, and a prominent water tower stands in the center. The sky is a warm, hazy orange, and the overall scene is bathed in a soft, warm light. A dark blue vertical bar is on the left side of the image.

TCEQ Lead & Copper Rule Revisions Workshop Presentation

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Background Information

- In 2021, the EPA announced the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) in an effort to lower the lead and copper levels in drinking water nation-wide. The goal of this revision is to remove 100% of lead service lines. On Oct. 8th, 2024, the EPA announced the final Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI).
- The LCRR requires public water systems to submit a Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) by Oct. 16th, 2024, and provide notification to customers with lead, galvanized requiring replacement or unknown service lines within 30 days of the LSLI submission.

Current Status of Schertz LCRR Compliance

- An inventory of all 16,201 current service lines was submitted to TCEQ by the Oct. 16th deadline.
- 15,194 were verified and the remaining 1,007 service lines are classified as unknown or galvanized requiring replacement (GRR).
- The remaining service lines continue to be verified by the Water Department.
- Within 30 days of submission, any unknown, lead or GRR service line must have notification mailed to the owner with an annual recurring notice until the service line is verified or replaced.

Next Steps for Schertz LCRR Compliance

- A notification will be mailed by the Schertz Water Dept beginning the week of Nov. 11th, 2024, for every required service line. Deadline for delivery is no later than Thursday, Nov. 14th, 2024.
- Approximately 600 notices will be sent for service lines that are still classified as unknown (approximately 300) or galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) (approximately 300). The approximately 300 remaining service lines continue to be verified by the Water Department.
- As the remaining service lines are verified and/or replaced, they will be removed from the annual notification list.

TCEQ LCRR Notification Template

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER SERVICE LINE

PWS ID: TX _____ PWS Name: _____ Date: _____

After completing an inventory of our water service lines, we have determined that your water service line material is _____. See definitions below.

- **Lead** – a portion of or the entire service line is made from lead. People living in homes with a lead service line may have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.
- **Galvanized Requiring Replacement** – a portion of or the entire service line is made from galvanized material and may have absorbed lead from upstream lead lines. People living in homes with a galvanized service line that has absorbed lead may have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.
- **Unknown (may contain lead)** – a portion of or the entire service line material is unknown and may be lead or galvanized requiring replacement.

If you believe your service line has been incorrectly categorized, please contact us using the phone number or email provided at the end of this notice. You may dispute the current classification and provide details to update the categorization of the service line.

Health effects of Lead

Exposure to lead 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.

Steps You Can Take to Reduce Your Exposure to Lead in Your Water

Below are recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. The list also includes where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead from drinking water.

- **Use your filter properly.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, it should be certified to remove lead. Read any directions provided with the filter to learn how to properly install, maintain, and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information, use the QR codes for EPA's (QR-1) [tool to identify certified filters](#), and (QR-2) [fact sheet on home filtration](#).

QR-1



QR-2



Lead Service Line Public Notice Template (Updated 9-27-2024)

- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly remove and clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- **Use cold water.** Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- **Run your water.** The more time water has been sitting in your home's pipes, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line, the length and diameter of the service line and the amount of plumbing in your home.

Replacing Lead Service Lines

If you have replaced, or plan to replace, a section of a Lead service line from the meter to your property, we ask you to let us know as soon as you can using the contact information provided below. We are required to replace our section of the service line from the meter to the water main.

For information about potential financing solutions to assist property owners with replacement of lead service lines, please contact us.

Contact Information

Public Water System (PWS) Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contact Info:

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210.619.1800

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EPA LCRI Information Links

[TCEQ LCRR Information](#)

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