



LEAD FREE DISTRICT HELP ENSURE OUR DISTRICT IS SAFE FROM THE RISK OF LEAD

Why is Creek County RWD #2 undertaking this project?

The project is driven by EPA regulations that require water utilities to identify and publicly map lead service lines, which, for many utilities, will be the first step toward a proactive lead service line replacement program.

Conducting the Water Service Line Inventory

For most homes and buildings built after 1978, the presence of lead is less prevalent. However, there is still a chance that lead material could have been used in residential service lines following this date. For this reason, it is important for all property owners in the community to conduct their own on-site inspection and determine what material type their water service line is made of, lead, copper, galvanized steel or plastic,

To complete the EPA's, required service line inventory, Creek County RWD #2 will need property owners' assistance with verifying their service line material. Through basic test or observation, property owners can provide Creek County RWD #2 with what type of material their service line is made of, lead, copper, galvanized steel or plastic.

For years, we have known lead is a toxic metal that was once prevalently used in daily products, materials, and the construction of buildings. Despite it being banned from use, lead is still found in old and existing materials across the state, including private water service lines. Measures in the last two decades aimed at addressing lead material in water service lines have greatly reduced exposure to lead in our communities. The only way to know for sure if your water service line contains lead, is to conduct an on-site inspection or get your water tested.

What You'll Need

A house key or coin
A strong refrigerator magnet



Galvanized Steel

Magnet will stick. Is a dull grey color.



Lead

Magnet will not stick. Is a grey or silver color.



Copper

Magnet will not stick. Is a tarnished penny color.



Plastic

Magnet will not stick. Is usually blue, black, or white in color.

Identifying Service Line Materials

Step 1.

- Locate the water meter service line at the water meter. Expose the property owner service line. (This is the pipe from the house to the connection at the base of the meter box.)

Step 2.

- Look for threads at connections
- Scratch pipe with a coin or key to reveal the metal. You may need to scratch through corrosion or paint. Lead is soft and scratched easily.
- See if a kitchen magnet sticks to the pipe. Even a strong magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.

Lead is a dull gray color and very soft, if scraped with a key, it will turn bright silver color. Based on appearance, testing or existing records, please select the appropriate material of your water service line and **enter results on the back of this page.**

