

# What do I need to know about the EPA's Revised Lead and Copper Rule?

## 1. History

On December 16, 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced steps to strengthen the regulations on lead in drinking water.

On August 4, 2022, the EPA released guidance to help communities identify pipes connecting drinking water to homes and other buildings containing lead.

## 2. Goal

The goal of the rule revision is to replace all lead service lines on both the private and public side of service lines.

Rules and guidelines continue to be updated by the EPA and cooperating agencies. Town will stay apprised of changes to maintain our high level of water quality.

## 3. Process

- I. The Town has developed an inventory of over 5,000 service lines available to the public.
- II. Notifications will be sent to residents with unknown materials by November 14, 2024. Notices will be annual until the status of the service line is known. If your line has been identified as non-lead, there will be no notification.
- III. The Town will inspect all water service lines containing unknown materials for lead contamination over the next three years (October 2024 – October 2027).
- IV. If lead materials are identified, they will be logged, and you will be notified within 24 hours of identification.



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