

Notification that your water service line MAY OR MAY NOT be made of galvanized materials requiring replacement.

The City of Hazelton has verified that some or all of your water service line is made of **galvanized materials requiring replacement (GRR)**. People living in homes with a service line made of galvanized materials, which has been in the past or is currently situated downstream of lead bearing materials, have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.

Health Effects of Lead

Exposure to lead in drinking water 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

1. Run your water to flush out lead. If the tap hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15-30 seconds to flush lead from interior plumbing or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to cook, drink, or make baby formula.
3. Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.
4. Look for alternative water sources, or treatment options. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water treatment filter/device. Ensure any filter/device is NSF approved to remove lead. Be sure to maintain or replace any filter/device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to protect water quality.
5. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead, if you are concerned about exposure.

Opportunities to replace GRR service lines only. If you are interested in replacing your portion of the galvanized service line, please contact a licensed plumber.

For More Information

Call us at 208-731-8098 (Shawn Burton) or visit our website at www.cityofhazelton.com. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead or contact your health care provider.