

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER SERVICE LINES

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

As required by U.S. EPA, Yosemite Valley has identified that some water service connections are considered a lead status unknown service line.

The utility recently conducted an inventory of most water service lines, which is the pipe that connects all structures to the water main. The purpose of the inventory is to identify the material of these service lines and fittings, including the customer side of the water service line.

Some of the pipes that connect buildings to the water main were unable to be properly identified and are classified as an unknown material. Lead service lines or certain galvanized pipe can potentially place you at risk for exposure to lead. Therefore, service line material will need to be identified. This is currently being addressed.

The water system routinely monitors for lead in the distribution system and the most recent water sample results tested July 2024 showed that the 90th percentile of all lead levels measured in the distribution system were non-detect, meaning no lead was found in samples. The action level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 15 micrograms per liter (µg/L).

Water sample results do not exceed the action level of 0.015 mg/L for lead.

Is my water affected?

- This is not an emergency.
- Your water is safe to drink and meets federal and state safe drinking water standards.
- You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).

What happens next?

A detailed inventory of all water system connections was requested describing several attributes, including pipe material. Due to the number of unique connections in Yosemite Valley many of the service connection material needed to be described as “unknown” until the NPS can correctly identify materials of original construction. Any connection that is described as unknown is only required to inform the building occupants.

We anticipate completing the initial water service line connection identification in 2025.

Lead Related Health Information

- *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 cause 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.*
- If you have concerns about your water quality, the State Water Board's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program has a [map of laboratories](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs/) that can test your water at the consumer's expense, which can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs/
- If you still have health concerns from potential lead exposure in your drinking water, there are point-of-use (POU) devices that can be used on your drinking water taps to provide an additional barrier of protection. A list of these residential treatment devices can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/device/watertreatmentdevices.html
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your health care provider.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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