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IMPORTANT: EPA Water Service Line Inventory Information Sheet, 5/1/2023

Dear LFWS member, (important for water customers, informational for non-water customers)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently required all Public Water Systems in the country to create an inventory of every water service line in their system, all the way to the house, including what material the pipe is made of. This applies to members who receive water from LFWS. For all others, this may be important information for you, depending on how you obtain your water.

Georgia EPD is implementing the inventory this year, so we've added new information to your water bill. Just below "Detach Here", you'll see the Year your house was built according to Hall County Tax Assessor, then "EPA Water Line Classification:" and "Lead", "Galvanized Requiring Replacement", "Galvanized Not Requiring Replacement", "Unknown", or "Non-Lead". EPD has stipulated that Georgia houses built (initial construction) after 1/1/1990 can be classified as non-lead due to the 1986 Lead Ban. However houses built before 1/1/1990 could have any type of material.

While we have never encountered a lead pipe in our system, the EPD requires us to obtain evidence to document and classify every waterline in our system. This will be a multi-year project, and may change as we progress. If your house was **built after 1/1/1990, no action** is required on your part. BTW "Unknown" isn't a bad thing, it just means we don't have any information on that part of the water line.

This is where we need your help, figuring out the Unknowns. If your house was **built before 1/1/1990**, and you've had your entire Water Service Line replaced all the way from the meter to the house, please let us know, either by filling out the short form on the back of the invoice or emailing us. We need the date of replacement and what material the new pipe is made of.

If you don't remember, or don't have any documents, you can still help us by examining the water pipe coming into your house. A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe or copper, though it will stick to a galvanized pipe. Of course it won't stick to any of the plastic pipes either. So if you have a home older than 1990, we'd like you to help us identify your water service line material. Information about how to do this is on our website at lfws.homestead.com

In the future we'll be inspecting meter boxes to help us identify those Unknown lines. We won't be shutting off any water to your homes during this process, and will strive to minimize any disruption to lawns, gardens, and personal property. If we see a problem area, we'll contact you in advance to discuss.

We have additional information on our website at lfws.homestead.com about how to identify lead water lines, and what to do if you think you have a lead line, or lead in your home.

Lastly, the EPA requires us to make the inventory of our entire system available to the public, so you can see the data we've collected on our website in the future. In the meantime, you'll see your Water Service Line classification on your annual bill.

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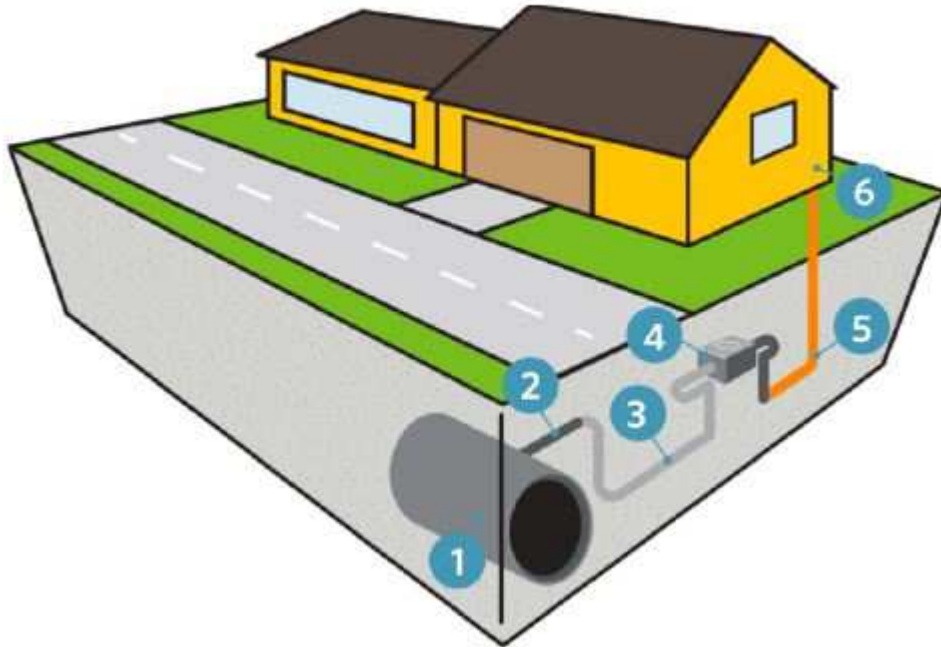
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The following is a brief graphical representation of a typical Water Service Line:

Service line materials must be identified on both the customer and utility side of the meter for the entirety of a water system's service area. The figure below provides an example of typical ownership of service lines for a customer with a lead gooseneck on their service.



1. Water Main 2. Gooseneck 3. Water System Owned Line 4. Meter Box 5/6. Consumer Owned

In LFWS, the homeowner owns the line from the meter (after the backcheck valve) to the house.

For more information, go to lfws.homestead.com and the websites listed below:

There is important information on the web at the following websites, including a step-by-step [EPA guide](#) that helps identify where to look and how to identify the material of your Water Service Line at:

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead-0>

Also: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

If you think you may have lead lines or fixtures in your plumbing visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#reducehome>

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-09/documents/2002_5_17_lcmr_guidance_lcmr_lead_public_education_poster_v2.pdf

And especially “Where Lead Comes From” at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>

NPR's water line identification primer is <https://apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home/en/#intro>

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