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.

Berryessa Pines Water System failed to complete an initial service line inventory by the deadline as required by U.S. EPA.

The Berryessa Pines Water System was recently required to conduct an inventory of all water service lines, which is the pipe that connects your home to the water main. The purpose of the inventory is to identify the material of these service lines and fittings, including the customer-owned side of the water service line.

Berryessa Pines Water System should have completed the inventory by October 16, 2024, but it did not. As a result, the pipe that connects your home to the water main was not identified by the deadline and is considered an unknown material. Lead service lines or certain galvanized pipe can potentially place you at risk for exposure to lead. Therefore, your service line material will need to be identified.

The Berryessa Pines Water System routinely monitors for lead in the distribution system and the most recent water sample results received on January 6, 2025 showed that the 90th percentile of all lead levels measured in the distribution system was 0 mg/L. The action level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 15 micrograms per liter (µg/L).

The most recent water sample results do not exceed the action level of 0.015 mg/L for lead.

Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Is my water affected?

*** If you received a separate notice instructing you to not drink, boil, or avoid drinking your water, then please continue following those instructions until you are instructed to do otherwise.**

If you **did not** receive any separate notice:

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

What about my service line?

- You can help your public water system identify your service line material.
    - EPA has developed an online step-by-step guide to help people identify lead pipes in their homes called Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead. (*https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead*)
    - Other organizations have also provided tools to identify service line material, such as the LSLR Collaborative (*https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/identifying-service-line-material.html*)
- Inform us immediately if you plan to alter or replace your service line because we may be required to replace the system portion.

Contact Berryessa Pines Water System at 707-320-8598 or srsilva42002@yahoo.com to share any information you may find about your service line, or to inform us of your plans to alter or replace your service line.

What happens next?

We received funding assistance provided by US EPA Region 9 and California State Water Resources Control Board and are working with CDM Smith to identify unknown service lines and to update the inventory.

We anticipate identifying your service line by November 15, 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 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.

Additional Resources

To verify the material of your service line or for any other information, contact Steve Silva at 707-320-8598 or srsilva42002@yahoo.com.

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 notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Berryessa Pines Water System.

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