



The Private Lead Replacement Incentive Program



What Is the Cost?

The estimated cost of the private lead water service replacement will be determined after an initial review of the property. Eligible property owners will be credited up to \$4,000 towards the cost of the replacement by enrolling in this voluntary program.

How Can I Pay?

Property owners will have the ability to pay for the amount exceeding \$4,000 (if applicable) for lead service replacement either:

- ▶ In a lump sum payment
- ▶ Interest-free, over a 60-month period as part of the water and sewer bill

How to Apply

To apply, call the Lead Hotline at 617-989-7888. Your property will be reviewed. Once the cost is determined, you may enroll, if eligible. The replacement work is generally performed weekdays and is subject to availability.

Additional Information

For more information, call the Lead Hotline at 617-989-7888.

Supplemental Information

Boston Public Health Commission
www.bphc.org
617-534-5395

Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/lead
1-800-424-LEAD (5323)

Department of Environmental Protection
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/
E-mail: Program.Director-DWP@state.ma.us
617-292-5770

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
www.mwra.com
617-242-LEAD (5323)

This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Please translate it, or speak with someone who understands it.

Si usted desea obtener una copia de este reporte en español, llámenos al teléfono 617-788-1190.

La relazione contiene importanti informazioni sulla qualità dell'acqua della Comunità. Tra-durlo o parlarne con un amico che lo comprenda.

O relatório contém informações importantes sobre a qualidade da água da comunidade. Traduza-o ou peça a alguém que o ajude a entendê-lo melhor.

Sprawozdanie zawiera ważne informacje na temat jakości wody w Twojej miejscowości. Poproś kogoś o przelustrnienie go lub porozmawiaj z osobą która je dobrze rozumie.

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Η κατοθην αναφορά παρουσιάζει σπουδαίες πληροφορίες για το ποσμο νερο σας. Πρακακλω να το μεταφρασετε η να το σζολειασετε με καποιον που το καταλαβαινει αποληητω.

Im Bericht steht wichtige Information über die Qualität des Wassers Ihrer Gemeinschaft. Der Bericht soll übersetzt werden, oder sprechen Sie mit einem Freund, der ihn gut versteht.

这份报告中有些重要的信息，讲到关于您所在社区的水的品质。请您找人翻译一下，或者请能看得懂这份报告的朋友给您解释一下。

この資料には、あなたの飲料水についての大切な情報が書かれています。内容をよく理解するために、日本語に翻訳して読むか説明を受けてください。

इस रिपोर्ट में 'पाने के पानी' के विषय पर बहुत जरूरी जानकारी दी गई है। कृपया इसका अनुवाद कीजिये, या किसी जानकार से इस बारे में पूछिये।

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Bản báo cáo có ghi những chi tiết quan trọng về phẩm chất nước trong cộng đồng quý vị. Hãy nhờ người thông dịch, hoặc hỏi một người bạn biết rõ về vấn đề này.

Ce rapport contient des informations importantes à propos de votre eau potable. Demander à quelqu'un de traduire ces informations pour vous ou discuter avec une personne qui comprend ces informations.



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Let's Protect Boston's Waterways



Lead and Your Health

Excessive amounts of lead in the body can present health risks. The greatest risks are to young children and pregnant women. Exceedance of regulated values can slow down mental and physical development in children.

Why Replace a Lead Service?

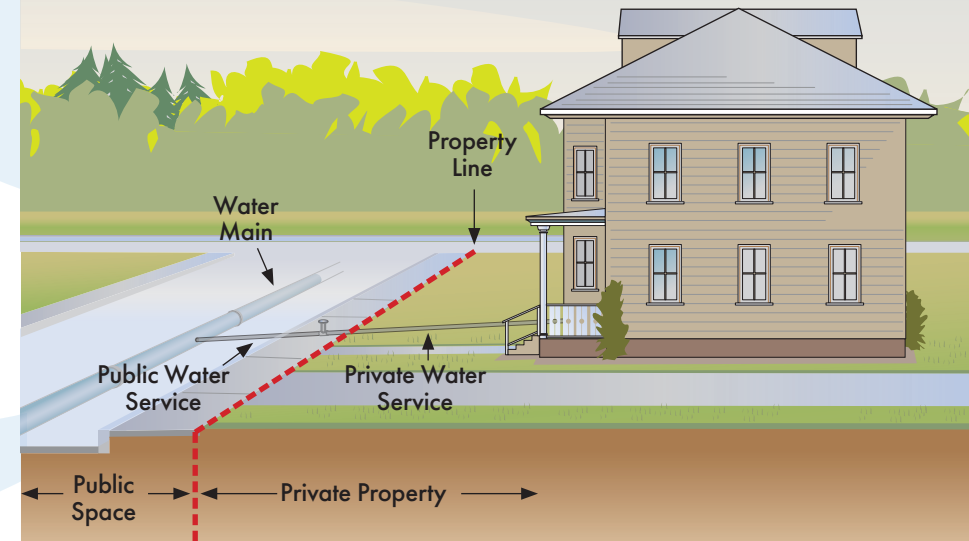
Lead generally is not present in source water but can enter the tap water through corrosion of plumbing materials. Prior to 1950, lead was used for exterior plumbing connections and can be found in older buildings. If the water service line at your property is made of lead, you are encouraged to participate in this program to replace it and protect the health of occupants in the building.

What Can I Do to Reduce the Risk?

- ▶ **Replace your private lead water service.**
- ▶ Put a bottle of water in the refrigerator at night for early morning use.
- ▶ Use only cold water for drinking and cooking. Before drinking, flush the water system by running the tap until the water is cold to the touch, especially if you have not used the water for a few hours. The longer water remains standing in a lead pipe, the greater the chance lead can leach into the water.

What Is a Private Water Service?

It is the portion of the water service pipe running from the property line into the building. This pipe may be made of lead. The removal of any portion of a lead service in the public way is fully funded by the Commission. Removal of all lead services is the ultimate goal.



The Program

The Lead Replacement Incentive Program exists to encourage Boston's property owners to replace private lead water services. While private water service connections are the responsibility of the owner, Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) has developed this voluntary grant program as an incentive to remove lead from water services. Financial assistance in the form of a credit up to \$4,000 towards the cost of the replacement and the ability to pay interest-free over a 60-month period is available to eligible property owners.

Who Is Eligible?

Boston property owners are eligible to participate in the Lead Replacement Incentive Program if all of the following conditions are met:

- ▶ The property is served by a two-inch or smaller water service pipe, which contains lead.
- ▶ The water and sewer account for the property is active and not delinquent.
- ▶ The property owner agrees to have the work done by BWSC.

BWSC reserves the right to determine eligibility of a property.