

LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY



About the Project

The City of International Falls is inventorying the pipes connecting homes and buildings to the water main, also known as water service lines, to identify any that are made of lead. The goal is to compile the data and develop a plan for the city to replace service lines that contain lead at no cost to the homeowner.

Why is this important?

Lead presents health concerns for people of all ages, particularly pregnant women, infants and young children. The city treats and tests water to make sure that it is lead-free when it leaves the treatment facilities and travels through the water mains. However, some older homes (built prior to 1986) have lead in service lines. The best way to protect your family is by removing all potential sources of lead in your home, including the water service line.

Why is the city conducting this inventory?

New state and federal regulations about lead in drinking water require cities to inventory the material of all water service lines by October 2024. This requires either the homeowner or a city inspector to conduct visual inspection in each home.

What do you need to do?

There are two options for this inspection to be completed. The first option is to complete the inspection yourself by filling out the online survey at arcg.is/1zzvWj or emailing a photo of your water service line and your address to duluthleadservice@bolton-menk.com. Bolton & Menk inspectors, hired by the City, are stopping by homes that have not completed the self-inspection.

- Inspectors are stopping by homes Monday through Friday and requesting permission to access the home. Please allow them to complete the inspection.
- If you are not home, inspectors will leave a phone number and email for you to schedule your inspection. If you'd prefer, you can still complete a self-inspection at this time.
- Inspectors will only be looking at the service material entering the home. This means they will need access to this area of the home, such as a basement.

How can you get more information?

For more information, visit: health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslrprogram.html

For questions, please email Bolton & Menk, Inc. at:
duluthleadservice@bolton-menk.com or call (218)-216-0857

