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## PUBLIC AWARENESS STATEMENT EPA's 2021 LEAD & COPPER RULE REVISIONS 02/21/2025

Recently, you may have read various news articles concerning drinking water and revisions to the Lead & Copper Rule. With regards, we are pleased to notify you of the following:

After a two-year field survey and investigation, HWEA has thoroughly examined all service line materials within our service area. We are pleased to notify you that no lead service lines were found in our system. However, there are currently approximately 1,944 customers who have a **GALVANIZED** water service line which at some point in history, between 1896 and 1935, could have been downstream of a lead service line. We will notify those customers by mailing a postcard to those who are affected.

With regards, we are working to review historical records to determine if these **GALVANIZED** water service lines were at any time downstream of a lead service line.

Below is a list of steps you can take to reduce the risk of lead:

- **Use your filter properly.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, make sure you use a filter certified to remove lead. Read the directions to learn how to properly install and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter.
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- **Use cold water.** Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- **Learn if you have a lead service line.** Contact HWEA for more information regarding your service line material.

- **Run your water.** The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line or not, and the length of the lead service line. Residents should contact their water utility for recommendations about flushing times in their community.
- **Learn about construction in your neighborhood.** If you have a lead service line, you should be aware of any nearby construction or maintenance work that could disturb the line. Ground tremors from construction may suddenly cause more lead to be released from a lead service line in the area.
- **Have your water tested.** You are welcome to contract with a drinking water laboratory in order to analyze your water. The nearest certified drinking water laboratory is Pace Analytical Labs in Madisonville, KY, who can be reached at T # 270-821-7375. This will be at your cost, not HWEA's.

We trust you find this information helpful.  
For more information on this or any other water quality issue, please visit;  
[www.hwea-ky.com](http://www.hwea-ky.com)  
or contact our main office at T # 270-887-4246

You may also visit the EPA's webpage at;  
[www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule](http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule)

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