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## Please help us protect your health.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued regulations requiring all public water supply (PWS) systems to develop a Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) of both water system owned and your privately owned service lines. Your PWS system must submit this inventory to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) by October 16, 2024.

Representatives of your water system may contact you in the near future to ask you to answer some questions such as the date your home was built or if you know what materials were used in your home's plumbing and service line, among other questions. Please take the time to respond to their inquiries as this will help determine if you or your family have a lead exposure risk. If you are unsure, your water system should be able to help identify materials. The goal is to remove all lead containing service lines to your home.

Piping containing lead can become a potential health risk in drinking water. Some homes (typically built before 1988 in Kansas) may have lead service lines on the customer's property that connect to your water system's main lines. On the back of this letter is a schematic of where lead sources in drinking water may be found.

Young children, infants, and fetuses are particularly vulnerable to lead in drinking water and water used for formula because the physical and behavioral effects of lead occur at lower exposure levels in children than in adults.

Additional information on the Lead and Copper Rule and identifying lead pipes and plumbing can be found on the KDHE website at: kdhe.ks.gov/547/

Or at the EPA Website at: <a href="mailto:epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule">epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule</a>

Kansans working together will get the lead out of our water systems.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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Copper Pipe with

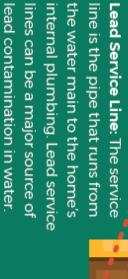
contained high lead levels. or installed before 1986 Lead Solder: Solder made



may contain lead inside your home Faucets: Fixtures

Galvanized Pipe:

galvanized pipes. Over attach to the surface of elevated lead levels water, causing enter your drinking time, the particles can Lead particles can





**Lead Goose Necks** 

the lead service pigtails are shorter Goose necks and line to the main pipes that connect

MAIN WATER LINE