



Utilities Department

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Subject: **Notice of Unknown Service Line Material**

Dear City of Yuma resident,

Due to new nationwide requirements from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), (as outlined on the back of this notice), the City of Yuma is notifying residents of homes built before 1990 of upcoming water line inspections. In a 2021 change to its rule about lead and copper, the EPA now requires all water utilities such as the City to identify the service line material on both sides of the water meter.

The city has approximately 15,000 homes that were built prior to 1990, when Arizona required all homes to be free of lead piping. However, the service line materials for homes built before 1990 have not been inspected. Lead has never been an issue in City of Yuma water. Since the EPA's 1991 rules for lead and copper went into effect, periodic testing has always found the City in compliance. Colorado River source water naturally has a reduced risk of pipe corrosion, which minimizes the potential for metals being released into drinking water. Local standards and practices indicate no evidence of lead pipes used in building construction, and lead has never been used in Yuma water lines.

Receiving this notice does not mean lead is present in your home; it merely indicates that your service line material needs to be inspected. Residents who receive this notice should be aware that City staff will conduct a free visual inspection of their water service line. If the service line is not easily accessible, City staff will ask the resident's permission to access the service line prior to conducting the inspection.

With approximately 15,000 lines remaining to be inspected, the City expects the entire inventory will take several years to complete. Residents that still need to have their service lines inspected will receive a letter from the City every July until the inventory is complete. In the unlikely event that a lead service line is found on the customer side of the water meter, the City will immediately inform the resident by mail.

The inspection results will be uploaded to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for inclusion in a web-based service line inventory map showing the service line material for every connection.

For further information regarding the City's notification efforts and a link to ADEQ's map on the City webpage visit www.yumaaz.gov/serviceline. You may also contact the City regarding the status of your property's service line via email at UTLLineService@yumaaz.gov or 928-373-4600.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our City water safe for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Jeremy McCall
Director of Utilities