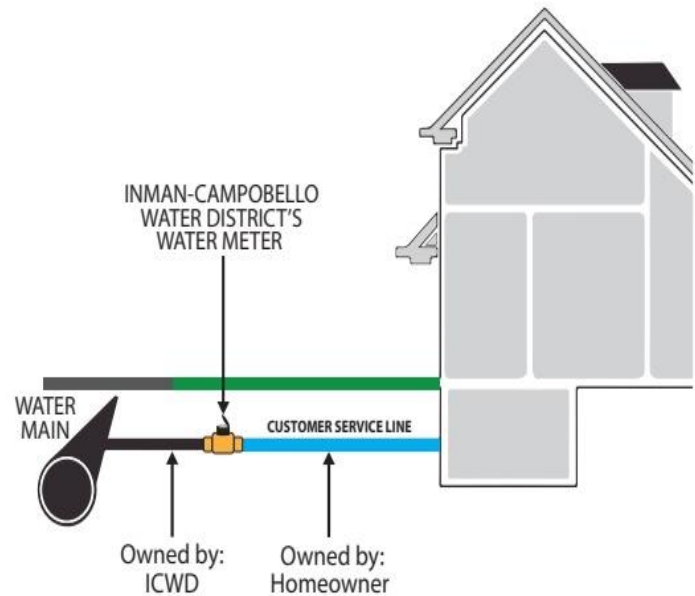




## Water Quality Alert

### What is this all about?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued new requirements concerning lead in drinking water. One of the main goals is to remove any and all lead service lines. This includes not only the water utility's portion, but the customer's as well (see adjacent image). As a first step, every water system in the United States is required to develop an inventory of each water service line. Again, this applies to the service line the Inman-Campobello Water District (ICWD) owns and maintains, as well as the customer's service line.



### We Are Asking For Your Help

Since the ICWD does not own or maintain your portion of the Customer Service Line (as shown in the illustration), it would be very helpful if you would let the ICWD know what type of service line material you have. This can be accomplished by one of several ways.

1. First-hand knowledge of your water service line material. This information may have been available to you when you built or purchased your home.
2. If you have had a repair to your water service line, your plumber or the person that did the repair may have discussed what type of material was used for your service line.
3. Another way is to visually inspect your service line. This can be done by looking at where your service line enters your home through the foundation or comes out of the ground underneath your home if you have a crawlspace.

Please see the reverse side of this document to see how to inform the ICWD as to the type of service line material you have.

### Does This Inventory of Water Service Lines Apply To Everyone?

It does but there is a catch: Lead materials for plumbing were banned in our area no later than November of 1988. If a structure was built after that date, it is impossible for a lead service line to exist so those structures will be inventoried as "non-lead". However, if the structure was built on or before that date, it is possible that a lead service line exists. Therefore, it must be investigated.

# DIFFERENT PIPE MATERIALS YOU MAY FIND

Galvanized Pipe - typically silver or gray in color, will not scratch easily.

Copper Pipe - typically brownish in color, like a penny (coin).

Lead Pipe - typically dull gray in color, scratches or scars easily.

Plastic Pipe - PVC, typically white  
PEX, typically white, blue, or red in color  
Rolled Plastic, typically black in color



**Figure 1**

## How Likely Is It That My Water Service Line Is Made Of Lead?

It is extremely **unlikely**. While lead service lines were heavily used in other parts of the country, for whatever set of reasons lead was not the material of choice in our area. Galvanized and copper pipe have been the dominant water service line materials until the last few decades. Plastic pipe has been the most popular choice since then. See Figure 1 for the types of materials that are common for ICWD customers. The point here is that in our area, lead was hardly ever used for water service lines so the chances that your service line is made of lead are very, very low. However, the ICWD will not be able to report to the EPA that we simply do not believe your water service is not made of lead on this basis. We will have to prove that it is not lead by one method or another. If you can tell us what material your service line is made of, it will help immensely.

## How Do I Let The ICWD Know What My Service Line Is Made Of?

If you could simply fill out the information below and send it to the ICWD, it will be greatly appreciated. The form can be sent to the ICWD by mail using the return envelope, or by email. The email address is [Lead.Inventory@icwd.org](mailto:Lead.Inventory@icwd.org).

### Water Service Line Survey

In August 2022, the EPA amended the Clean Water Act to include a mandate that all public water systems such as the Inman-Campobello Water District (ICWD), develop a comprehensive water service line inventory. This includes not only what the ICWD owns and maintains, but what the customer owns and maintains as well. In an effort to expedite the inventory process, the ICWD is asking customers to self-report the type of material their water service line is made of. If you are willing, please answer the questions below. If you are unsure how to answer or have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact the ICWD at 864-806-9119 or [jsumner@icwd.org](mailto:jsumner@icwd.org).

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

What is the material composition of your water service line?

- Lead
- Copper
- Galvanized
- Plastic
- I Don't Know

Please describe how you were able to determine the type of material your service line is composed of (construction knowledge/records, visual inspection, plumbing repair records, etc.):

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_