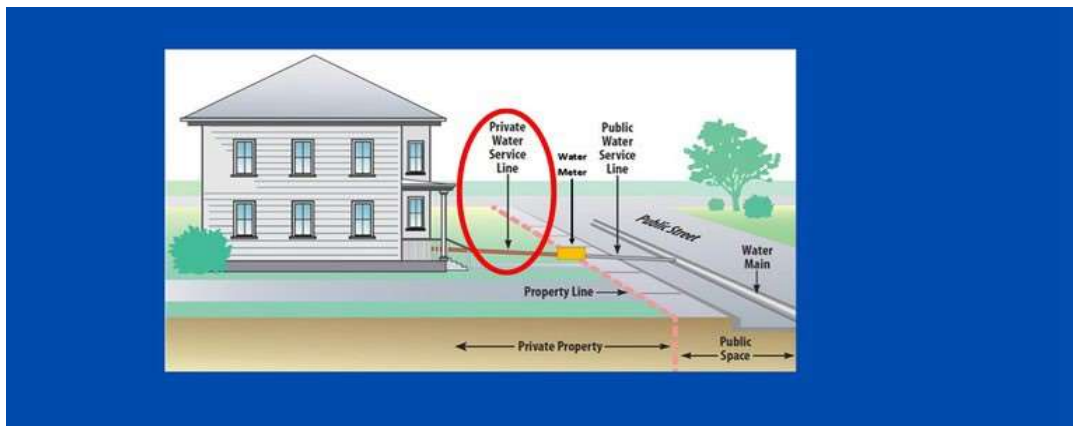


Q & A

- **Who is enforcing the Lead Service Line Inventory program and why?**
 - The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued revisions to the nation's Lead and Copper Rule, which included mandating an inventory of all water service lines in the U.S. The community water system (IVGID) needs to determine the material of each service line within our District.
 - We need the customer's help in determining what material their private portion of the service line is made of.
- **What is the timeline of this project?**
 - **IVGID needs the customer information by May 31, 2024**
- **How can You (as the customer) help?**
 IVGID would be **grateful** for your participation in determining the material of the private portion of the service line, and for completing our online survey.
<https://www.yourtahoepace.com/news/2023-public-works-lead-copper-rule-survey>



- **What is a water service line?**
 - A water service line is a section of pipe that connects the building to the water supply or the main water distribution system. Our service lines within the District are primarily copper or plastic.
 - Water service lines within our District will range from ¾ inch to 2 inch in diameter.
- **How do I inspect my service line?**
 - Materials Needed: Key or coin, strong magnet, phone or tablet (to take a picture)
 - Look for the pipe that comes through the wall of your home. This can be in a basement, crawl space, or mechanical room.
 - Use a key or coin to gently scratch the pipe like you would scratch a lottery ticket. If the pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal first.
 - Place the magnet on the pipe to see if it sticks to the pipe. If it sticks the pipe is galvanized.
 - Determine your pipe material.
 - Take a picture of the service line (incoming water service).

- Complete the SURVEY and upload a photo of your service line.
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- **What is the regulatory history on lead-free service lines in Nevada?**
 - June 19th, 1986 - The 1986 Safe Drinking Water Act Lead Ban required the use of “lead-free” pipes in any public water system or any plumbing in a residential or non-residential facility that would provide water for human consumption.
 - March to June 1989 – Nevada public water system regulations moved to require all new plumbing in water supplies to comply with the 1986 Safe Drinking Water Act for “lead-free” service lines.
 - October 1st, 1989 – Uniform Plumbing Code became effective in Nevada
- **What does this mean for you?**
 - If your home was remodeled or built **AFTER** October 1, 1989 the Uniform Plumbing Code required that all lead pipes were replaced with other materials. Therefore it is safe to say that if the home or building was built or remodeled after this date then all service lines in the home or building are lead-free.
 - If this applies to your home, it is not necessary to inspect your service line but please complete the SURVEY and let us know your home was built or remodeled after October 1, 1989.
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- **What types of pipe will you encounter?**
 - Copper
 - Plastic
 - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC). Usually white in color.
 - High Density Polyethylene (HDPE). Usually black in color.
 - Galvanized steel
- **Who can you contact within Public Works?**
 - Please feel free to contact our designated Lead Service Line Inventory email address at lsli@ivgid.org and an IVGID team member will respond within 3 business days.
 - Utilities Superintendent Jim Youngblood at jev@ivgid.org and 775-832-1214
 - Chief Chemist Kaylen Prior at kpr@ivgid.org and 775-832-1288
- **Can IVGID provide testing on lead?**
 - We will direct all customers who wish to have their water tested for lead to the following.
 - Nevada State Public Health Laboratory at 775-688-1335
 - Western Environmental Testing at 775-355-0202
 - SGS Silver State Analytical Laboratories at 775-857-2400
- **How long has IVGID been inspecting service lines? How can we be confident there is little to no lead service lines within our District?**
 - IVGID started inspecting service lines in the early ‘90s, and since then we **have not** found any lead pipes within the District. Any service line larger than 2 inches may be assumed non-lead regardless of construction year.
- **Where can I find more information on Nevada’s regulations for the Lead Service Line Inventory?**
 - <https://ndep.nv.gov/water/drinking-water/information-for-public-water-systems/lead-and-copper>
 - https://ndep.nv.gov/uploads/documents/2023-05-12-RLCR_FAQ_Final.pdf
- **Where can I find more information on the EPA regulations for the Lead Service Line Inventory?**
 - <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule>
- **What does IVGID do for source water protection?**
 - Please check out IVGID’s information on source water protection here

- <https://www.yourtahoeplace.com/public-works/water/source-water-protection>
- **What is the quality of my tap water?**
 - We provide Tahoe Tap straight from Lake Tahoe!
 - <https://www.yourtahoeplace.com/public-works/water/source-water-protection>
 - Link the 2023 CCR