Today, there’s growing awareness that some homes have lead in water pipes, fixtures and plumbing. Lead presents health concerns for people of all ages, particularly pregnant women, infants and young children. In children, low exposure levels have been linked to learning disabilities, behavioral problems and other issues.

The water leaving the treatment plant and traveling through water mains is almost always free of lead. However, lead is sometimes present in pipes (also known as laterals) connecting older homes to the water system, or in fixtures and home plumbing. Our utility adjusts the water’s chemistry at the treatment plant to minimize the possibility of lead dissolving into the water, but there are additional steps you can take at home.

Have your water tested - You can contact a certified laboratory to have your water tested for lead. A listing is available on the NDEP website at: ndep.nv.gov/water/lab-certification.

Find out if you have a lead service line - We are not aware of any homes in Incline Village or Crystal Bay that have a lead service line, which is the primary source of lead in older cities.

Have your plumbing inspected - A licensed plumber can inspect both your service line and other materials that come in contact with your drinking water. Lead solders, pipe fittings and brass fixtures can be potential problems.

Protect your Household - There are steps you can take right away to reduce the possibility of lead in your water:

- Run the Tap Before Use – Lead levels are likely at their highest when water has been sitting in the pipe for several hours. Clear this water from your pipes by running the cold water for several minutes, which allows you to draw fresh water from the water main. You can use this water on house plants or to flush toilets.

- Clean Aerators – Aerators are small attachments at the tips of faucets which regulate the flow of water. They can collect small particles of lead in their screens. It’s a good idea to remove your aerators at least monthly and clean them out.

- Use Cold Water for Drinking and Cooking – Always cook and prepare baby formula with cold water, because hot water dissolves lead more quickly, resulting in higher levels in water.

- Filter the Water – Many home water filters are effective at removing lead. If you purchase a filter, make sure it is certified for lead removal and that you maintain it properly. Find out more on filter certification at www.nsf.org.

Let’s Get the Lead Out! The surest way to protect against lead in water is to get the lead out altogether.

REPLACE LEAD SERVICE LINES - If you have a lead service line, talk to a licensed plumber about getting it replaced.

REPLACE OTHER PLUMBING THAT CONTAINS LEAD - We recommend you use an experienced, certified plumber to look for and replace lead fittings, fixtures or other potential sources of lead.

For More Information - epa.gov/lead – The federal agency responsible for the safety of America’s drinking water, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hosts a comprehensive website that addresses all sources of lead in the home.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
18th Annual Snapshot Day
All areas of Lake Tahoe/Truckee/Pyramid Lake Watershed
www.tahoetruckeesnapshotday.org
Volunteer teams will perform a stream walk, collect field data, grab samples and take photos. Streams will be field tested for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, and temperature. Preregistration required. Email wastenot@ivgid.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Beach, Street & Trail Community Cleanup Day
Aspen Grove, 960 Lakeshore Blvd, Incline Village NV
9AM to Noon, Check-in starts at 8:45 AM
Free Lunch at Noon provided by Incline Rotaries
Meet at Aspen Grove to form teams, receive collection bags and location assignments. Wear sturdy shoes, work clothes, long sleeved shirt, wide brim hat and work gloves. Remember your refillable water bottle and sunscreen. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

PUBLIC WORKS WALK & LEARN
Our Director of Public Works, Joe Pomroy, will lead tours at some of our infrastructure sites. During the walk you will learn more about the Public Works operations while enjoying our beautiful scenery.

Friday June 22, 2018 @ 10AM
Sewer Pumping Station and Creek Restoration
Meet at Recreation Center, 980 Incline Way, Incline Village

Friday July 20, 2018 @ 10AM
Water Treatment Plant
Meet at Burnt Cedar Beach parking lot to right after gatehouse 665 Lakeshore Blvd, Incline Village

Friday August 17, 2018 @ 10AM
Mill Creek Diversion and Wastewater Treatment Plant
Meet at 1220 Sweetwater Rd, Incline Village

Maps are Available on the Events Page of our Website

MAKE YOUR TRASH DAY HASSLE FREE
REBATE AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2018
What if it were possible to put your trash out when you want? Install a bear shed and enjoy a hassle-free trash day. Not only will it provide you with convenient trash containment when you need it, a properly latching bear shed can protect your home from damage, your neighborhood from litter and protect wildlife.

Another advantage is your trash rate decreases to only $21.50 per month - the lowest rate available for trash service.

Through June 30, 2018 you can take advantage of a $150 rebate from IVGID for residential properties which install an approved bear shed, or for commercial properties that install an approved wildlife enclosure.

The rebate application is available on our website: www.yourtahoeplace.com/public-works/waste-not/bear-wildlife-awareness/bear-box-placement

For more information and assistance, please call IVGID Waste Not at (775) 832-1284, or email us at wastenot@ivgid.org.

RATE CHANGE EFFECTIVE 5/19/2018
The IVGID Board of Trustees approved the rate increase at the 4/11/2018 rate hearing. Our annual rate study, which details this change, is available on our website: www.yourtahoeplace.com/public-works/rates-billing/about-rates-billing

IVGID PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATES:
MONDAY, MAY 28

IVGID PUBLIC WORKS IS AVAILABLE 24/7 TO RESPOND TO WATER/SEWER EMERGENCIES

HHW & E-WASTE DROP-OFF
STANDARD HOURS
FEB. 1-Oct. 31: TUES & THURS 3-5 PM
WINTER HOURS
NOV. 1-Jan. 31: TUES & THURS 3-4:30 PM
SITE WILL BE CLOSED DURING SEVERE WEATHER

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