

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Bellbrook Water Works (OH2901112) was required to develop an Initial Service Line Inventory and filed a corrected inventory past the due date.

The Initial Service Line Inventory was developed and there are no known service lines containing lead; however, the inventory was filed past the due date triggering a requirement for this violation notice. It should be noted that there is no action or correction required by this violation other than providing this notice.

We were required to develop and make publicly available an Initial Service Line Inventory connected to our distribution system by October 16, 2024. Our system created the initial inventory; however, the attachment was not received by the Ohio EPA by October 16, 2024. The inventory must identify the service line materials as lead galvanized requiring replacement (GRR), lead status unknown/unknown, or non-lead. Identifying and ultimately removing lead and GRR service lines is an important way to protect public health. **THERE ARE NO KNOWN LEAD SERVICE LINES IN THE BELLBROOK WATER SYSTEM.** In addition, there is no known contamination of lead in the drinking water.

*\*Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. \**

### What should I do?

Although the Bellbrook Water Works Service Line Inventory shows no known lead service lines in the Bellbrook Water System, and there is no lead reading in the Bellbrook water quality report, we wanted to list some items of awareness to reduce your potential exposure to lead:

- **Learn what your service line material is.** Contact us at 937-848-8415 or a licensed plumber to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead, galvanized, or other materials. The Bellbrook Water Works Initial Service Line Inventory has no known lead-based service lines in the system. Protect Your Tap: A quick check for lead is the EPA's online step by step guide to learn how to find lead pipes in your home ([www.epa.gov/pyt](http://www.epa.gov/pyt)).
- **Learn about construction in your neighborhood.** Unless your service line is not made of lead or galvanized you should be aware of any nearby construction or maintenance work that could disturb the line. Ground tremors from construction may suddenly cause more lead to be released from lead or galvanized service lines in the area. There are no known lead service lines in the Bellbrook Water System.
- **Use your filter properly.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, make sure you use a filter certified to remove lead. Read the directions to learn how to properly install and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter.
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly remove and clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- **Use cold water.** Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- **Run your water.** The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line or not, and the length of the lead service line. Residents should contact their water utility for recommendations about flushing times in their community.
- **Have your water tested.** Contact your water utility to have your water tested and to learn more about the lead levels in your drinking water. Bellbrook Water Works does system tests regularly and reports to the Ohio EPA. There are no lead readings in the Bellbrook Drinking Water System.

## **What does this mean?**

Service line inventories are the foundation from which water systems take action to address a significant source of lead in drinking water. Establishing an inventory of service line materials and identifying the location of lead and GRR service lines is a key step in getting them replaced and protecting public health. Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead pipes, brass faucets, plumbing with leaded solder, and other plumbing components containing lead. In homes with lead pipes that connect the home to the water main, also known as lead service lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water. Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986. Service lines made of galvanized iron or steel that are (or were previously) downstream of lead service lines are classified as galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) because galvanized service lines that are or ever were downstream from an LSL can adsorb lead and contribute to lead in drinking water. Identifying and ultimately removing lead and GRR service lines is an important way to protect public health. **BASED ON THE INITIAL SERVICE LINE INVENTORY, THERE ARE NO KNOWN LEAD SERVICE LINES IN THE BELLBROOK WATER SYSTEM.**

## **What is being done?**

Bellbrook Water Works is maintaining an Initial Service Line Inventory to identify any materials as lead. All inventories and the current inventory reflect no known lead-based service lines in the Bellbrook Water System.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact your health care provider.

For more information, please contact Ryan Pasley at 937-848-8415 or 29 N West St Bellbrook, OH 45305.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. \**

This notice is being sent to you by Bellbrook Water Works. Public Water System ID#: [OH2901112].

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