

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Dear Water Customer:

Today's Date: May 15, 2024

This notice contains important information about your water service and may affect your rights. The water system has identified that your service line may be made of galvanized material, which requires replacement. A galvanized service line requiring replacement is one that is or ever was downstream of a lead service line. We encourage you to have this notice translated in full into a language you understand and before you make any decisions that may be required under this notice.

Diese Mitteilung beinhaltet wichtige Informationen über Ihre Wasserversorgung und könnte Ihre Rechte beeinflussen. Wir bitten Sie, dass Sie diese Mitteilung vollständig in eine Sprache übersetzen lassen, die Sie verstehen, bevor Sie eventuelle Entscheidungen treffen, welche im Zusammenhang mit dieser Benachrichtigung erforderlich sind.

Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa iyong serbisyo sa tubig at maaaring makaapekto sa iyong mga karapatan. Hinihikayat namin kayo na isalin nang buo ang abisong ito sa wikang naiintindihan ninyo at bago kayo gumawa ng anumang mga desisyon na maaaring kailanganin sa abisong ito.

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Este aviso contiene información importante sobre su servicio de agua y puede afectar sus derechos. Lo animamos a que traduzca este aviso a un idioma que comprenda antes de tomar cualquier decisión que pueda ser necesaria en virtud del mismo.

이 통지서에는 귀하의 권리에 영향을 미칠 수 있는 수도 서비스에 관한 중요한 정보가 제시되어 있습니다. 이 통지서에서 요구하는 결정을 내리기 전에 이 통지서를 귀하가 이해할 수 있는 언어로 번역하시기 바랍니다.

本通知包含有关您的供水服务的重要信息，可能会影响到您的权利。在您做出本通知所要求的任何决定之前，我们鼓励您将本通知完整地翻译成您可理解的语言。

YOU MAY BE SERVED BY A GALVANIZED SERVICE LINE THAT CONTAINS LEAD AND REQUIRES REPLACEMENT

Health Effects of Lead

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. The most common exposure to lead is swallowing or breathing in lead paint chips and dust. However, lead in drinking water can also be a source of lead exposure. In the past, lead was used in some water service lines and household plumbing materials. Lead in water usually occurs through corrosion of plumbing products containing lead. Another source of lead is from small particles that can break loose from the inner lining of corroded pipes and fixtures; this can happen during plumbing repairs or replacement.

Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Below is some information about the City's future projects to replace galvanized service lines and some preventative measures you can take to help reduce the amount of lead in drinking water.

Illinois State Law requires that the long-term replacement program start in 2027 and be completed in 17 years. The City of Decatur has prepared an initial draft of the replacement program, which can be accessed at this QR code:



The City has also applied for \$21 million in funding from the State of Illinois to implement the program. If the funding is received, it will allow the City to start the replacement program in 2025 and accomplish much of the replacement in the first five years. The State of Illinois will make a decision about the City's funding request in June or July 2024.

What can you do to reduce lead exposure in drinking water before and during this construction project?

- *Run your water to flush out lead.*
 - flushing times can vary based on the length of your galvanized service line and the plumbing configuration in your home. The length of galvanized service lines varies considerably. Flushing for at least 3 – 5 minutes is recommended.
- *Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.* Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap, lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
- *Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.* You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter that is certified to remove "total lead".
- *Clean and remove any debris from faucet aerators (small screens at the faucet outlet) on a regular basis.*
- *Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.*
- *Purchase lead-free faucets and plumbing components.*
- *Remove the entire galvanized service line.*
- **Please visit our web site (<https://decaturil.gov/water-line-replacement/>) for information on our lead service line replacement cost sharing program. If there are questions, please call (217) 875-5705.**
- As part of this program, the City will replace the City-owned portion of a galvanized service line when the property owner notifies the City that the owner will replace the customer-owned portion of the galvanized service line.
- *Test your water for lead.* Please call us to find out how to get your water tested for lead.
 - If test results indicate a lead level above 15 ug/L, bottled water should be used by pregnant women, breast-feeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants.