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Ledyard WPCA

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

TOWN OF LEDYARD  
741 COLONEL LEDYARD HWY  
LEDAYRD, CT 06339-

Service Line: **Unknown**

Dear Ledyard WPCA Customer,

**Ledyard WPCA / Groton Utilities** (GU) is committed to providing a safe source of drinking water to its residents. GU treats, tests, and distributes high quality drinking water to you and the community every day. The water we provide is lead-free when it leaves our treatment plant and meets all EPA Drinking Water Standards. Because property owners in Groton own the entire water service line, property owners are responsible to aid in managing lead exposure. This notice contains important information about your drinking water. Please share this information with anyone who uses the water at this property.

*If this location is a school, business, or multi-family residential dwelling, the information in this letter must be posted where those who can access the drinking water can see it, and/or the information must be distributed to individuals with access to the drinking water.*

GU has reviewed service line material records, and our current inventory indicates that at least a portion of the water pipe (called a service line) that connects your residence/building to the water main is made **from unknown** material but may be lead. Because the service line material is unknown, there is the potential that some or all of the service line could be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was previously connected to lead. People living in homes with a lead or galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead service line have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.

### Identifying service line material

For questions or to help determine the material of your service line, please contact GU by visiting the GU website:



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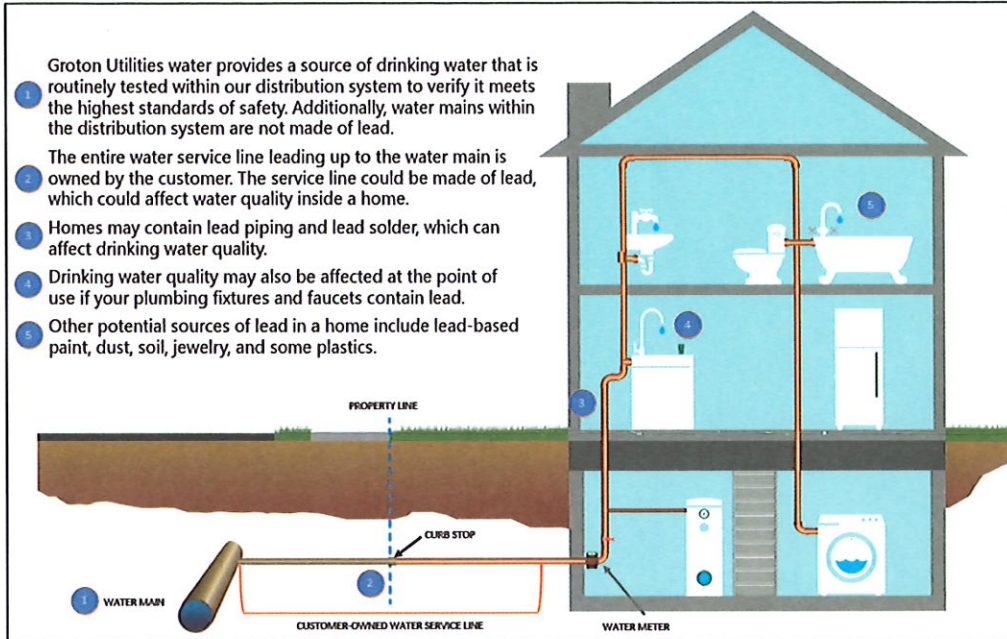
Website: <http://www.grotonutilities.com/>

For more information on reducing lead exposure from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Para obtener una versión traducida al español de esta carta, visite <http://www.grotonutilities.com>.

# 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 worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart

disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.

## Steps you can take to reduce lead in your drinking water.

1. **Filter your water.** Use a water filter that is NSF 53 certified for lead removal. Many filters and filter systems can improve water quality and taste in other ways too. Visit [www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org) or EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead> for more information on filter systems.
2. **Use cold tap water** for drinking and preparing food. Lead dissolves more easily in hot water.
3. **Flush your tap for at least 5 minutes before drinking or cooking if the water has gone unused for more than 6 hours.** However, 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. If you have a known lead service link and your house is set far back from the curb, you may need to flush for longer than 5 minutes.
4. **Clean faucet aerators and flush cold water taps regularly.** Aerators can collect particles from lead plumbing and should be removed and cleaned on a regular basis. It is especially important after household plumbing work and repairs. After removing the aerator, flush the cold-water lines for 5 minutes.

## Please use these resources for more information:

- **Groton Utilities website** with more information and helpful tips: <http://www.grotonutilities.com/>
- **Connecticut Department of Public Health** information on lead: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Lead-and-Copper-Rule>
- Resources to understand and reduce lead exposure from the **United States Environmental Protection Agency**: [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead)
- **Lead Hotline** – Contact the National Lead Information Center's Hotline at 1 (800) 424-LEAD [5323]