

# PARKER AREA AUTHORITY

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Dear Parker Area Authority Customer,

Enclosed is a "Consumer Notification of a Lead Status Unknown Service Line". This notice was prepared according to specific Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) format as required. We would like to share additional information on steps we have taken and what action may be needed going forward.

All water providers, including Parker Area Authority, were required to complete an Initial Lead Service Line Inventory (LSI), which was submitted to the PA DEP. The LSI required water suppliers to identify the materials of construction of water lines throughout the water system. Like most other water systems, ownership of the service line is split between the water system and the customer. Parker Area Authority owns the section of the service line from the water main to the curb stop. The section from the curb stop to the customer residence or commercial building is owned by the customer.

Parker Area Authority reported the construction material for the lines we installed and own as "lead free" per the mandate set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1991. This is because our lines and fittings were replaced with lead free material after 1991.

Parker Area Authority does not maintain records regarding the materials of construction for the customer owned service lines. Maintenance and repair of this portion of service lines are the customer's responsibility. Unless a Parker Area Authority employee witnessed repairs customers made to their portion of the service line and recorded or photographed the material of construction at the time of the repair, we are required to report it as "unknown material" on the LSI report. As a result, we are now required to provide you with the accompanying notice.

**Parker Area Authority currently meets all lead monitoring requirements;** results obtained remain well below the lead action level at all locations monitored within the system. The locations we monitor were selected according to the PA DEP criteria to represent a cross-section of the water services within the Parker Area Authority system according to date of construction.

We encourage you to identify the materials of construction for your service line. This can be done by using a key or coin to gently scratch the pipe that delivers your water to find out what color is underneath the surface, or by using a magnet to find out whether it sticks. Orange means the material is most likely copper. If a magnet sticks to the pipe, it is most likely galvanized steel. However, if it is a shade of gray and a magnet does not stick to the pipe, it may be lead. There are also lead detection kits available online or at most hardware retailers.

Parker Area Authority will continue to update our initial LSA in the next year. Please contact our office to let us know if you have any questions or concerns, or wish to provide us with additional information.

Respectfully,

Parker Area Authority