



City of Bartow Water Treatment Plant

November 15, 2024

Homeowner
1234 ABC Street
Bartow, FL 33830

RE: Water line service at 1234 ABC Street

Notice of Unknown Service Line Material

Dear Homeowner,

The City of Bartow is currently conducting a city-wide water service line inventory project.

You have received this letter because the water line serving your home has not yet been inspected by the City of Bartow's service line inventory team or the water line serving your home is made of an unknown material.

A service line is a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building/home inlet. Ownership of the service line varies by water system, but the City of Bartow's service line is partially owned by the City (Water Main Line to the Water Meter) and partially by the property owner (Water Meter to the Building/Home).



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The City of Bartow is developing a line replacement program for service lines made from lead or galvanized steel. Information on this program is available at <https://cityofbartow.net/service-line>. The City's service line material inventory summary is available for your review on the City's website listed above. Printed versions of the City of Bartow's service line replacement program information and material inventory summary are available upon request at the City of Bartow City Clerk's Office at 450 North Wilson Avenue, Bartow, Florida.

Lead can be present in some drinking water; other potential sources of lead include paint, dust, and soil. Wash your children's hands and toys often, as they can come into contact with dirt and dust containing lead.

If you are concerned about the potential for elevated levels of lead to be present in your home drinking water, you may have it tested. Call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 for more information.

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.

For information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, please review the enclosed frequently asked questions document prepared by the American Water Works Association, visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency's website at www.epa.gov/lead, visit the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's lead in drinking water website at <https://floridadep.gov/water/source-drinking-water/content/monitoring-lead-and-copper-florida-drinking-water>, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

PLEASE NOTE: Once an inspection of your service line is conducted, you will be further notified by the City if your line is either identified as a lead service line, or a galvanized line that requires replacement. No further notifications will be made if your line is identified as lead-free.

Si requiere ayuda en español sobre el Programa de Reemplazo de Líneas de Servicio de Agua de la Ciudad y el estado de su propiedad, por favor llame a Yadlih Torres al 863-534-5044, ext. 5120.

Respectfully,

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City Manager

Tony Martinez
Water Treatment Plant Manager

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