

Our Commitment to You

The Town of Millis is continuing to make proactive improvements to the water system. The Lead Service Line Inventory & Replacement Plan Project is another example of these ongoing efforts. The project is being funded by a \$139,000 grant from the MassDEP and Clean Water Trust.

What is the Lead Service Line Inventory & Replacement Plan Project?

During 2023-2024, Millis is identifying and mapping any remaining lead service lines – both the Town-owned and customer-owned portions (see Figure). Once the inventory and mapping are complete, Millis will develop a plan to replace the Town-owned portion and to help customers replace any privately owned service lines. Removing lead service lines reduces the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water.

- **How will the Lead Service Line Inventory work?**

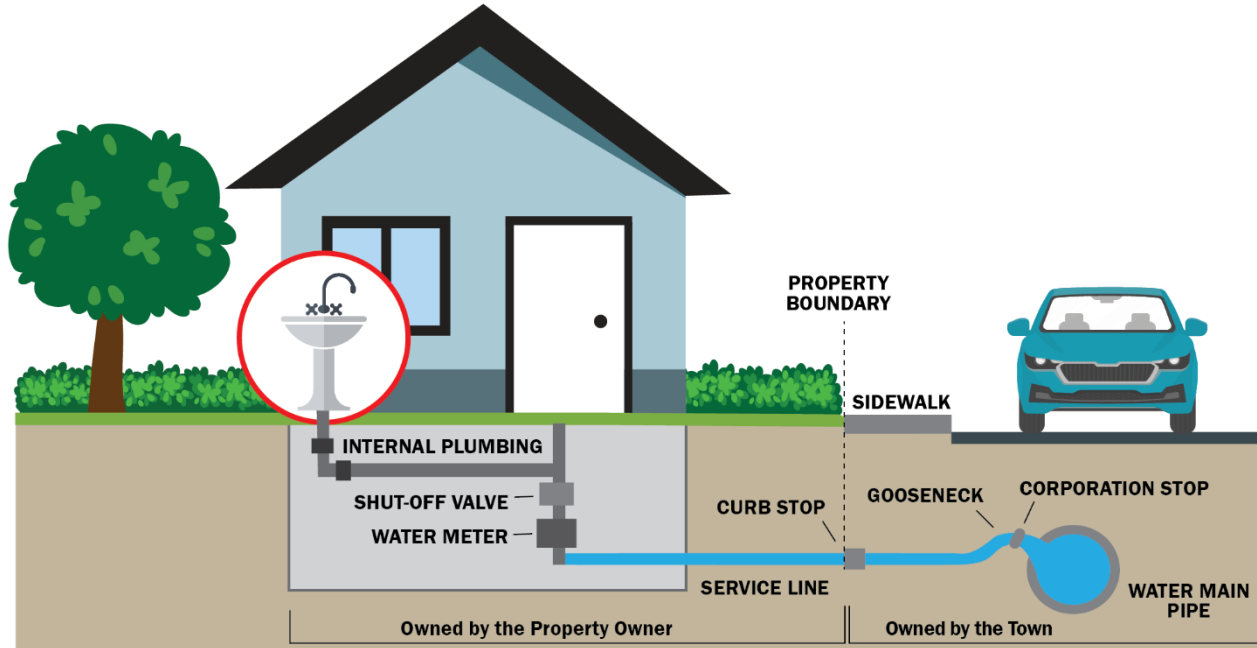
The Town has documented a partial inventory of Town-owned service lines. To develop a customer-side inventory of lead service lines, the Town will conduct basement inspections at representative locations to inspect the water meter connection. The Town will be sending letters to these property owners to schedule the inspections.

- **We need your help!**

Check your service line and report the result back to us with MassDEP's Lead Service Line Identification Web App:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f9ee39b7972f443ca63e8b936cd7f92b>.

See the graphic below to determine what a service line is and where it's located in your home.



Why is lead a health concern?

- Lead is a toxic metal that can be harmful to human health when ingested, especially for children, even at low exposure levels.

Learn more here: www.epa.gov/lead/learn-about-lead

Is there lead in my drinking water?

- The water flowing from Millis's wells, water treatment plants, and street mains **does not contain measurable levels of lead**. However, lead can potentially get into your drinking water from the service line between the water main and your home or from the plumbing materials inside your home. While **Millis's lead testing program meets all current MassDEP requirements for lead in drinking water**, new EPA regulations aim to further reduce exposure to lead. Read more about lead in drinking water here:

- <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

More resources related to lead in drinking water:

Lead Service Line Inventory & Replacement Plan Project FAQ:

https://www.millisma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf901/f/uploads/millis_faq_factsheet_0.pdf

- EPA's information about lead in drinking water:
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>
- How to identify lead in service line material: <https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/identifying-service-line-material.html>
- How to protect your family from sources of lead:
<https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-sources-lead>
- How to reduce your exposure to lead in drinking water:
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#reducehome>
- To find out for certain if you have lead in your drinking water, have your water tested by a MassDEP-certified lab. Learn more here:
<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/find-a-certified-laboratory-for-water-testing>

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