

HYANNIS WATER SYSTEM DRINKING WATER NOTICE

YOUR HOME IS SERVED BY A SERVICE LINE THAT MAY BE LEAD.

*This notice contains important information about your drinking water.
Have someone translate it for you or speak with someone who understands it.*

Dear Customer,

Water systems are now required to inventory all water service line materials and identify any water service line containing lead or lead materials. Hyannis Water System's most recent inventory has determined that your service line – the water pipe that connects your home from the water main – is of unknown material classification. **“Unknown” means that the service line could be lead.**

Updates are provided on the website: www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/watersupply.

As a precaution, we are providing information on the health effects of lead and steps to reduce your exposure.

UNTIL THE MATERIAL OF YOUR SERVICE LINE IS CONFIRMED AND ANY LEAD IS REMOVED, USE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER.

- **Run your water to flush out lead.** Lead levels increase over time as water sits in lead- containing plumbing materials. Using water for purposes other than drinking or cooking first, like laundry or bathing, can help reduce lead levels in drinking water. Run the water for at least 1 minute or until after it turns cold.
- **Use only cold, fresh water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.**
- **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water does not remove lead.
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. Lead particles can release lead into your water. See how to clean your aerator at www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-12/important-resources-for-safe-drinking-water.pdf.
- **Use your filter properly, if you use a filter.** Filters can reduce lead in drinking water. Make sure it is certified by NSF to remove lead; packaging will show NSF logo. Follow directions to properly install, use, and replace your filter. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information, and which certifications to look for, visit www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead.
- **Identify and replace plumbing fixtures** containing lead and any copper piping with a lead solder, the material used to combine pipes.
- **Have your child's blood tested for lead.** Children are at higher risk from the health effects of lead. If you would like to have your child tested, contact your health care provider, or state health department here: 617-624-6000, or visit <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention-program>.
- **Have your water tested for lead.** You cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water. Contact Hyannis Water System for more information and how to get your water tested by a state-certified laboratory. See the list of labs here: www.mass.gov/how-to/find-a-certified-laboratory-for-water-testing.



HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD.

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO VERIFY SERVICE LINE MATERIALS



To help update Hyannis Water System's records, you can perform your own inspection by visiting: tinyurl.com/Barnstable-Self-Inspection or scan the QR code on the left with your smartphone to find step-by-step instructions for performing an inspection and how to submit your results.

To learn more about lead in drinking water, visit: www.mass.gov/lead-in-drinking-water.

For more information, or if you have questions on how to verify the material of your service line, call Hyannis Water System at 508-775-0063, or visit: www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/watersupply.

Este aviso contém informações importantes sobre sua água potável. Este comunicado foi traduzido por completo e, caso você precise de uma cópia traduzida, poderá solicitá-la à cidade ou visualizá-la no site: www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/watersupply.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water at this address, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Hyannis Water System PWS ID#: 4020004

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