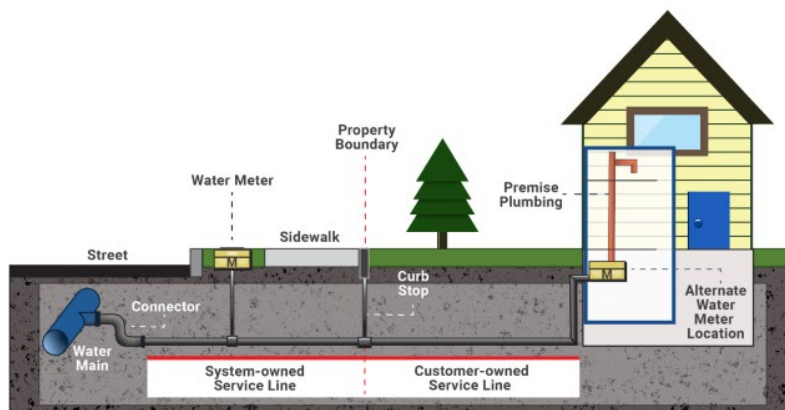


In 2021, the U.S. EPA published revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule that are intended to better protect children and communities from lead exposure risks and support efforts to remove lead from drinking water. The revisions require all Public Water Systems to complete an inventory of all service lines connected to their distribution system and develop a Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. The inventory must include the pipe material and other information for both the system-owned and customer-owned portions of the service line between the water main and a structure. The Inventory and Replacement Plan must be submitted by October 16, 2024.

In working toward a lead-free water distribution system for its customers, the Town of Harvard Department of Public Works (DPW) applied for and received Financial Assistance under the Massachusetts Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to complete the water service line inventory and lead service line replacement plan. Activities planned for the project include:



- reviewing existing records that may contain information on the material of each service line
- conducting service line inspections where DPW staff and/or a contractor will inspect the service line as it enters a customer's building in person
- conducting field investigations into service lines using vacuum excavation techniques
- providing public education and notification materials to customers and the community regarding lead in drinking water and development of the inventory and replacement plan

The Harvard DPW is committed to providing its customers with a safe and reliable source of drinking water and regularly conducts sampling for lead in accordance with state and federal requirements. Information regarding lead in drinking water is provided in the DPW's Annual Water Quality Report. The DPW's Water Division website will be updated regularly to include information on the new requirements under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, the status of funding under the DWSRF, and additional details on those activities listed above to develop the inventory.

The DPW requests assistance from all Water Customers to develop its water service line inventory. Please use the link below to sign up for a basement inspection. There are 3 dates to choose from for an inspection in February 2024. [Schedule Your Basement Inspection](#)

For more information on lead in drinking water please visit:

MassDEP: <https://www.mass.gov/lead-in-drinking-water>

US EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

Lead Service Line Replacement Collaborative: <https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/>

Please contact the Harvard DPW at 978-456-4130 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your help in this important endeavor.