

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Vintage Estates Did Not Develop a Service Line Inventory by the Federal Deadline

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. **This is not an emergency**, however as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We were required to develop and make publicly available an initial inventory of water service lines connected to our distribution system by October 16, 2024. Our system did not submit this initial inventory of service lines to the WI Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) by October 16, 2024. The inventory must identify the service line materials as lead galvanized requiring replacement (GRR)¹, lead-status unknown/unknown, or non-lead. Identifying and ultimately removing lead and GRR service lines is an important way to protect public health.

The initial inventory of water service lines has been completed and submitted to the DNR, bringing our water system back into compliance with these federal requirements. A copy of the inventory is available for viewing on our website at www.vintageestatesinmequon.com. The two public wells and water distribution system were constructed in 1987 and 1993, after the federal 1986 lead ban, therefore it can be expected that there are no lead service lines in our water system.

**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. **

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead:

- **Learn what your service line and premise plumbing material is.** Contact Mark Peltin at (414) 241-8500 or mark@peltinrealestate.com or a licensed plumber to determine what the pipe material that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) or the piping material inside your building is made of. It is possible that you have copper services with lead solder inside of your home, which can contribute lead into drinking water. Protect Your Tap: A quick check for lead is the EPA's online step by step guide to learn how to find lead pipes in your home (www.epa.gov/pyt).
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly remove and clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- **Use cold water.** Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- **Run your water.** The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line or not, and the length of the lead service line. Residents should contact their water utility for recommendations about flushing times in their community.

¹ A galvanized requiring replacement service line is a galvanized service line that is or was potentially downstream of a lead service line.

- **Have your water tested.** Contact your water utility for a list of certified laboratories to order a home test kit or hire a licensed plumber to have your water tested and to learn more about the lead levels in your drinking water.

An alternative water source is not needed.

What does this mean?

Service line inventories are the foundation from which water systems take action to address a significant source of lead in drinking water. Establishing an inventory of service line materials and identifying the location of lead and GRR service lines is a key step in getting them replaced and protecting public health. Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead pipes, brass faucets, plumbing with leaded solder, and other plumbing components containing lead. In homes with lead pipes that connect the home to the water main, also known as lead services lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water. Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986, however copper pipes with lead solder can exist after that time as well as brass faucets. Service lines made of galvanized iron or steel that are (or were previously) downstream of lead service lines are classified as galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) because galvanized service lines that are or ever were downstream from an LSL can adsorb lead and contribute to lead in drinking water. Identifying and ultimately removing lead and GRR service lines is an important way to protect public health.

What is being done?

The initial inventory of water service lines has been completed and submitted to the DNR, bringing our water system back into compliance with these federal requirements. A copy of the inventory is available for viewing on our website at www.vintageestatesinmequon.com. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact your health care provider.

For more information, please contact Mark Peltin at (414) 241-8500 or mark@peltinrealestate.com.

**Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, 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 on behalf of Vintage Estates. Public Water System ID#: 24607055.

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CERTIFICATION FORM FOR PUBLIC NOTICE**PWS Name:** Vintage Estates**PWSID#** 24607055**Violation Types:** Treatment Technique Violation(s) (TT)
Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR)**Type/Occurring:** TT/October 16, 2024 Compliance Date

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Code of Federal Regulations for the Public Notification Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 141, Subpart Q.

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