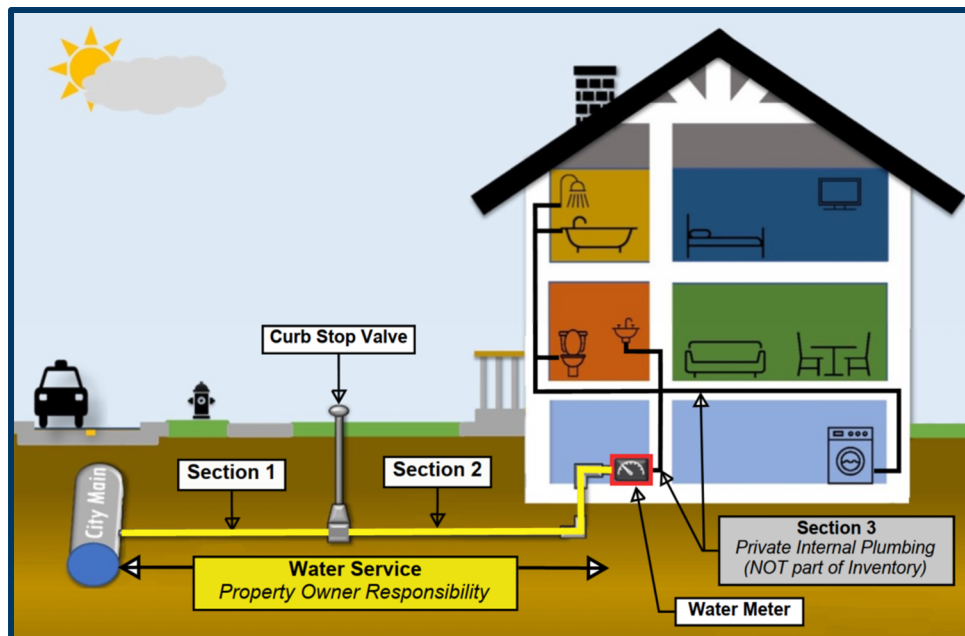


Notice to Individuals Served by a Galvanized Service Line

The City of Hastings is committed to providing safe drinking water to all residents. This notice contains important information about your water service line- please share with everyone who uses water at this property. Our records show that as of 6/30/2026, a portion of your water service line connecting your home to the City's water main (see "**Section 2**" in the diagram below) is made of **galvanized material**. These pipes can absorb lead over time and are classified by the EPA as "galvanized requiring replacement". Having a galvanized service line that has absorbed lead can increase the risk of lead exposure from drinking water.



It is important to note that Section 3, which is the internal plumbing of your home after the water meter, was not part of the inventory efforts mandated by the EPA and MDH. **All three sections of the water service are owned by the private property owner in the City of Hastings.**

Steps you can take to reduce potential exposure to lead in drinking water

- **Express Interest in Future Service Line Replacement Opportunities:** Replacing a galvanized service line replaced is one of the most effective ways to reduce potential exposure to lead in drinking water. While funding for service line replacement is not currently guaranteed, the city of Hastings is actively pursuing grant and funding opportunities to replace galvanized service lines.
- Submitting a service line replacement interest form allows the city to maintain your contact information and notify you if future funding opportunities become available.

Submit a Service Line Replacement Interest Form by:

1. Scanning the QR code to the right or
2. Calling the project manager. Justin Babcock: 262-853-8276 or JBabcock@wsbeng.com



Other methods for reducing lead exposure include:

- **Use a certified filter.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, make sure it is certified to remove lead and replace cartridges as recommended.
EPA guide to water filters: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.
- **Clean your faucet aerator regularly.** This can help remove small particles that collect there as a part of regular use.
- **Use cold water.** Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- **Run your water.** Simply running your water for several minutes before using it for cooking or drinking can help to flush out the service line.
- **Have your water tested.** You can contact a [Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory](https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>) to purchase a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample.

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.

Replacing Galvanized Service Lines

The City of Hastings is working toward replacing lead and galvanized service lines as funding becomes available. The timing and availability of a replacement project will depend on future funding opportunities.

- The City has applied for funding in 2026 and will continue to look for funding sources
- **If a property owner replaces their service line without coordinating with the City of Hastings, the property owner may not be eligible for grant funding or reimbursement.**
- Submitting a service line replacement interest form does not guarantee replacement or funding but ensures the city can contact you regarding future opportunities that may become available.

Questions and More Information

- **City of Hastings:** <https://www.hastingsmn.gov/home-living/utilities-sewer-water/lead-service-line-replacement-program>
- **For more information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH):**
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lsrprogram.html>
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>