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Re: City of Hallettsville Public Water System TX1430001 – Notification of Water Line Type

Dear Owner/Tenant,

The City of Hallettsville had a study done that identified the type of water lines throughout the City including the type of water line on the customer's side of the meter.

You are receiving this notification because your side classifies as “**Galvanized Requiring Replacement**”.

The City has **ZERO** Lead lines currently in use.

Your line is Galvanized and it is uncertain whether your water lines were ever downstream of a Lead Line. Galvanized lines have the potential of holding lead contaminants. Lead can also enter ground water in erosion of natural deposits.

The City of Hallettsville's Water System does **NOT** have high levels of lead.

We do need to inform you of the health effects of lead and ways to reduce exposure. *Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.*

Steps You Can Take to Reduce Your Exposure to Lead in Your Water

Below are recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. The list also includes where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead from drinking water.

- *Use your filter properly. Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, it should be certified to remove lead. Read any directions provided with the filter to learn how to properly install, maintain, and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information, use the QR codes for EPA's (QR-1) tool to identify certified filters, and (QR-2) fact sheet on home filtration.*
- *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. 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. The more time water has been sitting in your home's 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, the length and diameter of the service line and the amount of plumbing in your home.*

The City will provide you with test results of water samples taken from your side of the meter if requested. If we already have current sample results for your home or business, we are including them in with this letter.

At your own cost, you may also have your water tested. Pace Labs at 1606 E Brazos St. Ste. D, Victoria Tx 77901, is who the City uses, they do have to send the samples off for testing for lead. Please contact them for instructions before you do anything.

It is Recommended to replace the water lines from the meter throughout your home or business with a lead free material line. This is NOT mandatory.

If you have any questions, please call us at 361-798-2201 and ask to schedule a call or visit with our Water Supervisor, James Migl.

Sincerely,



Grace Ward
City Administrator/Secretary