# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER SERVICE LINE**

#### PWS ID: TX 1460006 PWS Name: Raywood Water Supply Corporation Date: 11/7/24

Due to new Lead and Copper Rule Revisions implemented by the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA), all community public water systems are required to comply with the LCRR beginning October 16, 2024. After completing an inventory of our water service lines, we have determined that your water service line is 79% Non-Lead and 21% Unknown.

The water system's main service lines are Lead Free.

### \*PLEASE SEE THE 3 DEFINITIONS BELOW.

Currently, we have listed your service line as Unknown (may contain lead).

However, in order to identify what type of material your service line from the meter to your home/building is, (plastic, lead or galvanized) we will need to send out a Raywood Water Supply representative to complete an inspection at your service address in the upcoming months. This should take a minimal amount of time and only require a small amount of digging near your meter box.

- **\*Lead** a portion of or the entire service line is made from lead. People living in homes with a lead service line may have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.
- **\*Galvanized Requiring Replacement** a portion of or the entire service line is made from galvanized material and may have absorbed lead from upstream lead lines. People living in homes with a galvanized service line that has absorbed lead may have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.
- **\*Unknown (may contain lead)** a portion of or the entire service line material is unknown and may be lead or galvanized requiring replacement.

If you believe your service line has been incorrectly categorized, please contact us using the phone number or email provided at the end of this notice. You may dispute the current classification and provide details to update the categorization of the service line.

#### **Health effects of Lead**

Exposure to lead 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.

#### 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.

### **Replacing Lead Service Lines**

Upon completion of our inspection, you will be notified of the results. If you have replaced, or plan to replace, a section of a lead service line from the meter to your property, we ask you to let us know as soon as you can using the contact information provided below.

For information about potential financing solutions to assist property owners with replacement of lead service lines, please contact us.

# **Contact Information**

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