

# City of Lake City

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Dear City of Lake City Resident:

In compliance with requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency and the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services ([§ 141.85 \(e\) Notification of known or potential service line containing lead](#)) the City of Lake City has conducted a thorough survey of the water lines serving our city. This inventory has been reported to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services as required and is available for your review on the City of Lake City website.

In anticipation of grants and funding to secure the removal and replacement of lines covered by these rules, to include lead, copper and galvanized lines, the City is providing more detailed information to our residents about this inventory and why it matters.

The inventory of lead, copper and unknown service lines forms the basis of our water system service plan for the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services and the City of Lake City. We will use this inventory to secure funding to replace lines as needed and will work with our residents to make the City of Lake City's drinking water supply compliant with all regulatory requirements.

Lead lines are a concern of this requirement for the following reason(s):

*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 worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.*

[Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking 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 in drinking water.

**Use filters 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 on facts and advice on home water filtration systems, see EPA's <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.

**Clean your aerator.** Regularly 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.

If you are planning on replacing the portion of the service line that you own, please notify us at City of Lake City Department of Public Works at 843-374-5421.

**For more information on reducing lead exposure** from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Respectfully,

Lake City Administration