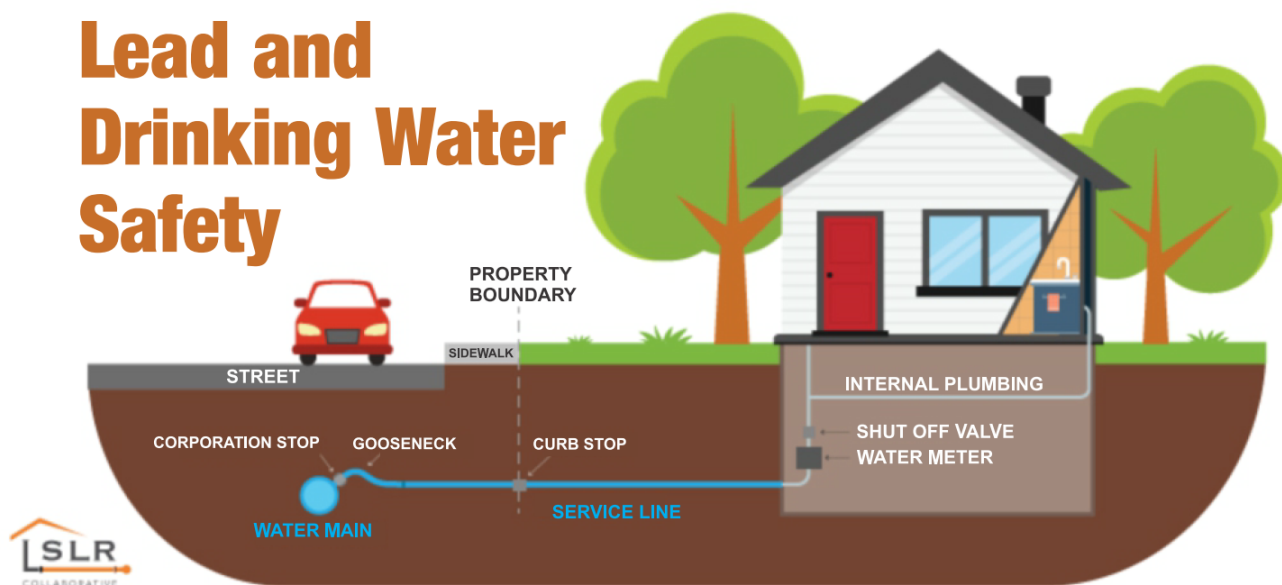


GET THE LEAD OUT!

Lead and Drinking Water Safety



New Ulm's drinking water is clean and safe to drink when it leaves NUPU Water Treatment Plant, but lead can dissolve from service lines, household plumbing materials and faucets that contain lead once it reaches homeowners. To control lead in water mains, NUPU treats the water with a compound that forms a protective coating inside pipes. We have provided this corrosion control since 1989.

Lead presents health concerns for people of all ages, particularly pregnant women, infants and young children. Ultimately, the best way to protect your household is by removing all potential sources of lead in your service line & home, but there are ways to reduce your exposure.

To identify the material of your service line pipe, find the service line coming into your home—typically in the basement. Lead pipe is a dull grey color and very soft. If scraped with a key, it will turn a bright silver color. Try sticking a magnet to the pipe—even a strong magnet will not stick to lead.

Scraped lead



If your water has not been used for several hours, run the tap for two minutes to ensure you are getting fresh water from the main service line. To flush lines conservatively, you could wash a load of clothes, run the dishwasher, shower or flush the toilet.

● Never use water from the hot water tap for cooking or mixing baby formula. Hot water causes higher amounts of lead to be released from

plumbing materials. Instead, heat cold water.

● Use a water filter that is certified for lead removal. These could be ones that attach to the end of a faucet or are in pitchers.

● Remove and clean faucet aerators. Sediment and lead particles can be trapped by the screen on the end of faucets. Regularly remove and clean these.



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