#### THE YORK WATER COMPANY

# Was your house built prior to about 1940?



TO FIND OUT IF YOU OWN A LEAD SERVICE LINE

# We Will Replace It at Little or No Cost to You

If your house was built prior to about 1940 you may have a customer-owned lead service line. If it is lead, we also want to test your water to make sure it's below the action level. See inside for more details.



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### House older than about 1940? You may have a lead service line.

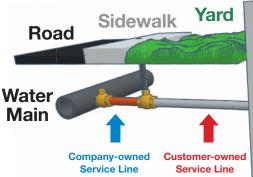
When your house was built, the builder installed the water line from the curb into the house. This is the **customer-owned** service line and it may be made of lead, copper, galvanized steel, or plastic.

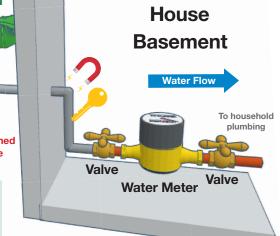
If your **customer-owned** service line is made of lead, let us know! If you'd like, we'll also provide a water test, and if the lead level exceeds the action level, we'll provide you with a 200-gallon-per-month flushing credit until the line is replaced.

York Water will also estimate the cost to replace the **customer-owned** lead service line, and if it's less than about \$1,250, there may be no cost to you! If it costs more than that, then we can discuss ways to help finance any cost above that amount. (See back page to contact us for details.)

Our goal is to replace all **customer-owned** lead service lines over the next several years. If you have a company-owned lead service line, we've previously sent you information on our replacement plan.







#### To see if you have a lead service line:

You will need a key or a coin and a strong refrigerator magnet.

- **1. Find the water meter in your basement.** Look at the pipe that comes through the outside wall of your home and connects to your meter.
- 2. Carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket) with a key or a coin. Do not use a knife or other sharp tool. Take care not to make a hole in the pipe. If the scratch turns a shiny silver color, it could be lead or steel. Note: If pipe is painted, gently scrape the paint off first to expose the metal.
- **3. Place the magnet on the pipe.** If a magnet sticks, it is steel.

If it's silver/grey and is NOT magnetic: It is a lead pipe.

#### Other Ways You Can Check for Lead:

Lead test kits can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store. These kits are used to test what the pipe is made from – not the water inside. Look for an EPA recognized kit. Also, a licensed and insured plumber can inspect your pipes and other plumbing for lead.

### Have You Replaced Your <u>Lead</u> Service Line in the Past 4 Years?

We will provide a partial reimbursement as a way to repay you for making our community lead free.

#### **Date Replaced:**

03/16-03/17 – Up to 80% Reimbursed 03/15-03/16 – Up to 60% Reimbursed 03/14-03/15 – Up to 40% Reimbursed 03/13-03/14 – Up to 20% Reimbursed

You'll need to have an invoice from a certified plumber. Please contact us for details.

## If you have a customer-owned lead service line, fill out the form at:

https://www.yorkwater.com/customer-owned-lead-service

Or, call us at 717-845-3601 and we'll send someone out to verify and drop off a free water test kit if you'd like. In the meantime, we suggest you flush about 3 gallons from your line when you have not used it for more than 6 hours. Learn more about lead in drinking water and proper flushing techniques at <a href="https://www.yorkwater.com">www.yorkwater.com</a> or review the pamphlet we recently sent to you.

York Water found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Our goal is to remove all lead service lines in our community.

Si desea leer este aviso en español, haga clic aquí.