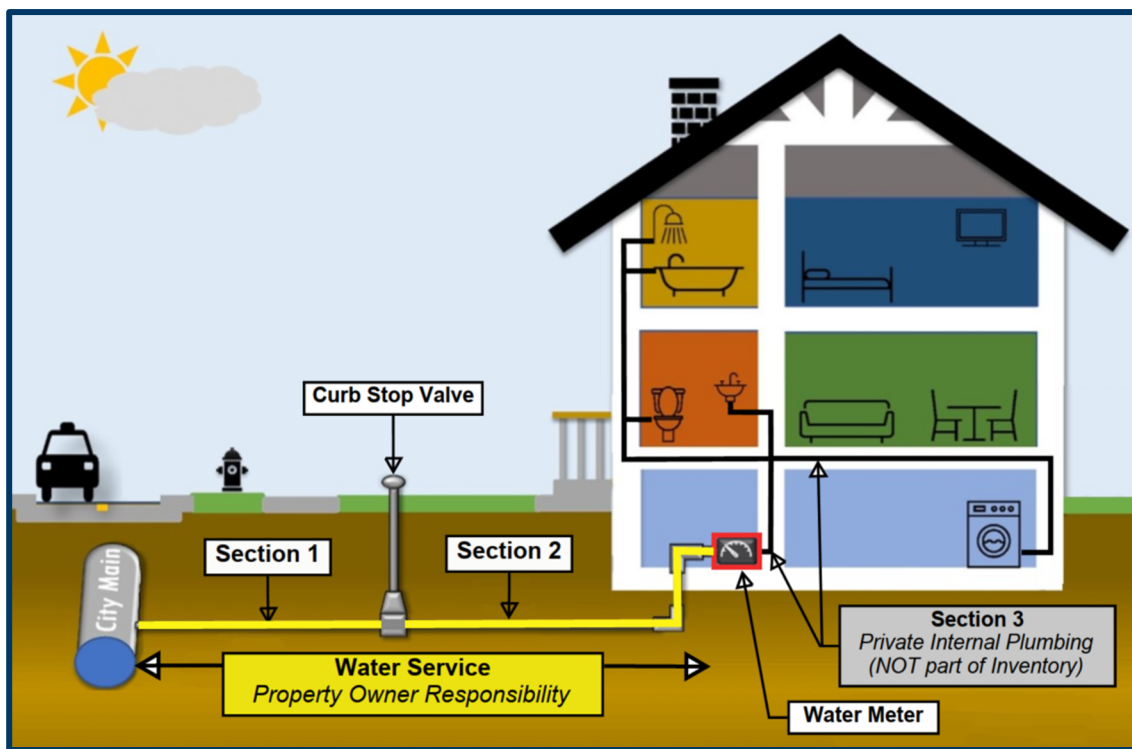


Notice to Individuals Served by a Galvanized Service Line

The City of Hastings is committed to providing safe drinking water to all residents. This notice contains important information about your water service line- please share with everyone who uses water at this property.

As part of new federal and state requirements, the City of Hastings completed a review of all water service lines in our system.

Our records show that as of 10/31/2025, a portion of your water service line connecting your home to the City's water main (see "**Section 2**" in the diagram below) is made of **galvanized material**. These pipes can absorb lead over time and are classified by the EPA as "galvanized requiring replacement". Having a galvanized service line that has absorbed lead can increase the risk of lead exposure from drinking water.



As part of the water service line inventory, City staff and consultants used a variety of methods to determine the material of Section 1 and Section 2 of your water service in the diagram above. It is important to note that Section 3, which is the internal plumbing of your home after the water meter, was not part of the inventory efforts mandated by the EPA and MDH. **All three sections of the water service are owned by the private property owner in the City of Hastings.**

Map of Service Line Inventory – State of Minnesota

Individuals can find information on service line material information on addresses located in Minnesota at: [Minnesota Service Line Material Tool \(umn.edu\) \(https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/\)](https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/)

Steps you can take to reduce potential exposure to lead in drinking water

- **Use a certified filter.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, make sure it is certified to remove lead and replace cartridges as recommended.
- **Clean your faucet aerator regularly.**
- **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.** Simply running your water for several minutes before using it for cooking or drinking can help to flush out the service line.
- **Have your water tested.** You can contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>) to purchase a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample.

Health effects of lead

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

Replacing Galvanized Service Lines

The City of Hastings plans to replace all lead and galvanized service lines as funding becomes available. We anticipate the replacement of your galvanized service line will likely be eligible to be completed at no cost to you.

- The City has applied for funding in 2025 and will continue to look for funding sources
- **If a property owner replaces their service line without coordinating with the City of Hastings, the property owner may not be eligible for grant funding or reimbursement.**

Please note, your service line is already documented within our replacement program as high priority as soon as funding becomes available.

Questions and More Information

- **City of Hastings:** <https://www.hastingsmn.gov/LSL> or call **651-480-6185**
- **For more information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH):**
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslrprogram.html>
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>