



Village of Taos Ski Valley Water System
September 20, 2024

Subject: Customer survey to determine service line pipe materials

Dear Valued Customer,

Your public water system is committed to protecting your health when it comes to the harmful health effects lead pipes can have on you and your family. To reduce your risk of lead exposure, drinking water system providers are now required by law to determine the material of all service line pipes leading up to any residence, commercial business, or other property. **Since those pipes run on private property, we are requesting your help in determining what material your outdoor pipes are made of by filling out our survey.** The material inventory we are creating does not involve any indoor pipes, only the pipework outside the home or premises.

The drinking water pipes leading up to your home or business can be made of a variety of materials: copper, PVC plastic, galvanized metal, or lead. If your property's pipe is made from lead or galvanized metal that may have been exposed to lead, there is risk of lead corroding into your drinking water. Therefore, identifying the material of your pipes is vital in determining if you are exposed to lead in your drinking water. If your property does have lead pipes or galvanized pipes that were once exposed to lead, then it is recommended that they are replaced following regulatory guidance to reduce lead exposure in your drinking water.

Customer Survey

Please help us determine your service line material by completing the enclosed survey and required photo documentation. If you need help completing the survey, please email msalazar@vtsv.org or call us at 575-776-8220 ext. 5 or visit www.vtsv.org to gain additional information. The Village Public Works Department will also send out one of our employees to help investigate if any line pipes are lead or galvanized metal. The Village is responsible to determine what material the Village lines are, and property owners are responsible to determine what material the individual/private property lines are. At this time, as far as the Village knows, there are no lead pipes. The Lead and Copper Rule Inventory list is a recent requirement of the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) all entities providing water are required to comply with the Rule.

Please return the completed survey with accompanying photos as soon as possible via email to msalazar@vtsv.org or in person at VTSV office 7 Firehouse Rd, Taos Ski Valley, NM 87525. **Office Hours 9:00-4:00 Monday through Friday. The Deadline for Reporting is October 16, 2024.**

Additional Information

Please see the attached Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guide to reducing lead exposure.



Please visit the following websites:

- New Mexico Environmental Department, Drinking Water Bureau: https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/lead-and-copper-program/
- Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/lead>

We appreciate your assistance in this process!