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Webster Water Department News Release **Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Plan**

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The Town of Webster Water Department has recently finished an initial inventory of water service line material within the Town and is making the inventory publicly accessible as mandated by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. You may have received a letter informing you of our findings. This is part of the routine process and is required by EPA and MassDEP mandates. Webster Water system is routinely tested on an annual basis for lead and copper and remains in full compliance with federal and state water quality standards and regulations. A paper copy of the service line inventory is available for review at the Water Department located at 38 Hill Street. Or, you can access our interactive service line inventory map on our website at: <https://www.webster-ma.gov/1087/Lead-and-Copper>

The water service line is the pipe that conveys drinking water from the water main in the street to the water meter of the home or building. There are approximately 6,181 service lines in the Town's inventory. Of these 6,181 service lines, the material of approximately 1,274 is currently unknown due to missing information in the records. There are 21 services classified as galvanized and will require replacement as mandated.

Historically, the installation of service lines meeting the definition of a lead service line were not permitted in the Town. To date, there has been no discovery of lead service lines while conducting the inventory.

Our next steps include revisions to our Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant to include vacuum excavations on the 1,274 unknown service laterals along with predictive modeling to help determine the material. We are also inspecting every service lateral on the private side while replacing water meters. Webster Water is in a good position and ahead of most communities on these new mandates.

Thank you for your cooperation as we update our records and continue providing safe, quality water for our community. More information will be available at a later date.

Please contact the Water Department if you have any questions or concerns at (508) 949-3861.

