

Be Advised,

The City of Merced Water Department has completed the initial lead service line inventory required by U.S. EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. The deadline for the initial inventories is October 16, 2024.

Through completing a historical records review and field investigations, the City of Merced Water Department has determined it has no lead or galvanized requiring replacement service lines in its distribution system. This includes any privately-owned or customer-owned service lines.

The City of Merced Water Department reviewed all applicable sources of information, including:

- First-hand visual accounts given by current and past Water Department Staff.
- All construction and plumbing codes, permits, and existing records or other documentation which indicates the service line materials;
- All water system records, including distribution system maps and drawings, historical records on each service connection, meter installation records, historical capital improvement or master plans, and standard operating procedures;
- All inspections and records of the distribution system that indicate service line material, including inspections conducted during the course of normal operations (e.g., checking service line materials when reading water meters or performing maintenance activities); and
- All previous service line or meter replacements were conducted.

In addition to reviewing the above sources of information, the City of Merced physically inspected all service lines in its distribution system, regardless of ownership. All service lines were verified non-lead on both sides of the meter.