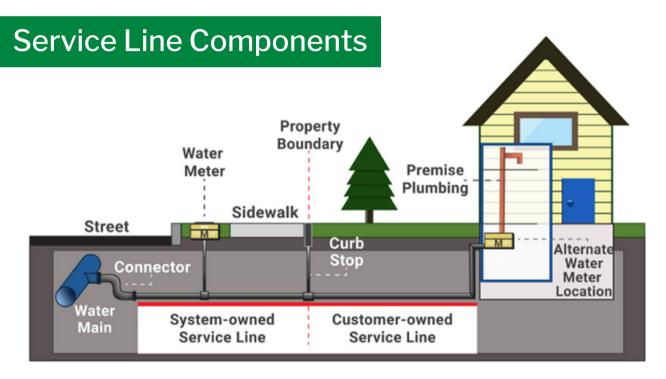
## Fact Sheet

# **Service Line Inventory (SLI)**

#### What is a Service Line?

Service lines are pipes that connect a customer's property to the water main. A service line has several components between the distribution water main and a building's internal plumbing. These parts may consist of different materials, including lead, galvanized iron or steel, copper, or PVC, among others.



Community and Non-Transient Non-Community (NTNC) water systems must inventory all service lines and make their SLIs accessible to the public.

For more information about service line components, review the EPA's Guidance on Developing and Maintaining an SLI (PDF).

### SLIs

SLIs list the material composition of every service line in a community or NTNC water system, including both the utility- and customer-owned portions.

#### Why are Lead Service Lines Unhealthy?

Lead is a toxic metal that accumulates in bodies over time, causing both short- and long-term health problems.

### **Most Vulnerable Populations**

#### Children

- Slows growth and development
- Behavioral problems and learning disabilities
- · Impaired hearing and speech
- Damages the nervous system
- Anemia

#### **Pregnant People**

- · Premature birth
- Reduced growth of the fetus

#### **Adults**

- High blood pressure
- Increased hypertension incidence
- Decreased kidney function
- · Reproductive problems

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