

CONSUMER NOTIFICATION OF A LEAD STATUS UNKNOWN SERVICE LINE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & THOROUGHLY

There is a PADEP (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection) mandate to identify and eventually remove lead in our system. In that process, **Stewartstown Borough Authority** is required to send out notices to those customers who have been identified as “Lead Status Unknown”. What this means is that we have only been able to see what type of material is coming into the basement and per DEP Guidelines we need to dig up and verify the material at the valve located near the street and/or right of way.

Stewartstown Borough Authority has replaced any known lead water service lines in our system and has been testing lead/copper levels in our water system for over 30 years. We’re happy to report we have never exceeded the limits. Currently we’re required to test lead/copper levels every 3-years (our next cycle is in 2025).

In 2023 the Stewartstown Borough Authority began a large scale effort in replacing our older water meters, at which time we were also able to identify the type of service line material that serves each home or building. What we have found in the basement is that most of the older homes/buildings which were built pre-1990’s contain copper pipes as well as plastic and the homes/buildings built after have plastic water service lines. There are about 500 houses where **we have no reason to suspect have lead**, but we need to prove it.

Stewartstown Borough Authority will be starting this verification process in 2025, and we will be notifying those customers on a date/time that we will be digging up the valve. There will be no cost to the customer for the verification process, and we will try to minimize the mess and inconvenience.

We want to stress to everyone that we feel very confident that we have no lead pipes in our system but until we’re able to verify that we must notify you of this unknown status.

If you have not received a letter from **Stewartstown Borough Authority** then your property is not affected by this rule. If you’re unsure please contact Ira Walker, Jr at 717-324-2940 OR Felicia Markline at 717-324-2944.