

# Notification that your water service line material is unknown.

City of McCammon PWS# ID6030038 has determined that material in some or all your water service line is unknown and there is a possibility that it may be composed of lead. People living in homes with a lead service line have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water. This letter serves to notify you of this potential risk and provides information to help you reduce your risk of lead exposure.

## Health Effects of Lead

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

## Steps You Can Take to Reduce Your Exposure to Lead in Your Water

1. Run your water to flush out lead. If the tap hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15-30 seconds to flush lead from interior plumbing or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to cook, drink, or make baby formula.
3. Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.
4. Look for alternative water sources, or treatment options. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water treatment filter/device. Ensure any filter/device is NSF approved to remove lead. Be sure to maintain or replace any filter/device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to protect water quality.
5. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead, if you are concerned about exposure.

**Opportunities to verify the material of your service lines.** Please contact us if you are interested in verifying the materials of your service line.

## For More Information

Call us at 208-254-3200 or visit our website at [www.mccammoncity.com](http://www.mccammoncity.com). For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or contact your health care provider.

Residents who Received this Notice,

- 1) Please read the notice in full.
- 2) We are now required by DEQ to send you this letter annually until we can confirm the materials of your service line.
- 3) At this time, the only way to verify the materials of your service line is to dig up the line. We do not have the resources to offer this service to all residents who received notices. If you request the city to dig up your line, you may be charged for time and materials. We are looking into grants specifically for lead service line investigation and replacement, but it is unclear how successful it may be because grants are being highly sought after nationwide.
- 4) If you received this notice, it does not mean that you have a lead line, it means we do not have records to prove otherwise. If you know you do not have a lead line, please let us know by emailing [McCammonCity@gmail.com](mailto:McCammonCity@gmail.com).
- 5) The city routinely samples and tests the water. We would not be able to provide you drinking water if we were in violation with DEQ. Annually we send out a drinking water report. Please refer to these reports for further information on our sampling results. They are available on our website under Information > Plans, Studies, and Miscellaneous Reports > Drinking Water Report.
- 6) You are welcome to test your own water. The city will not pay for or reimburse any resident who chooses to test their water. The city uses IAS EnviroChem at 3314 Pole Line Road in Pocatello Idaho 208-237-3300. You are welcome to call them for personal testing. Depending on the test type and quantity of samples the cost can range from \$25.00-\$500.00.