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NOTICE OF GALVANIZED REQUIRING REPLACEMENT WATER SERVICE LINE

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City of Luthersville Water Customer
Luthersville - Complex
104 Wortham Rd
Luthersville, GA 30251-1824



Dear Water Customer,

The Safe Drinking Water Act and the EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions require every community water system to create a Service Line Inventory, where the water system will identify every water service line in its system and identify the pipe material of the public and private-side service line. As part of these efforts, the City of Luthersville is undergoing a Service Line Investigation project, and the City has provided this letter to inform you of the initial results of the Service Line Investigation project.

The City of Luthersville is dedicated to providing safe, potable water to the citizens of Luthersville and Meriwether County. Drinking water provided by the City routinely meets or exceeds federal and state standards, including maximum contamination levels established for lead and copper. In fact, the City of Luthersville has never had a lead or copper violation during routine sampling. Additionally, the City has found zero lead service lines thus far in the Service Line Investigation.

The City of Luthersville would like to inform you that the water service line to 104 WORTHAM RD has been classified as a **Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) Service Line**. This means that some or all of the service line contains galvanized piping that was or could have been downstream from a lead source. Lead scale can build up on the interior of the galvanized piping and later release into drinking water even after the original source of lead is replaced. Therefore, water supplied through a galvanized requiring replacement service line has the potential to increase your risk of exposure to lead. For further information regarding your service line, our service line inventory will be accessible at <https://ga-epd.120water-ptd.com>.

What is a Service Line?

A service line is the piping that runs from the water main to the building inlet. Ownership varies by water system but is typically split between the water system and the property owner. The City of Luthersville owns the section of the service line from the water main to the meter box, while the section from the meter box to the building is owned by the property owner.

How Can I Replace My Service Line?

The City of Luthersville is dedicated to providing safe, potable drinking water. As part of the EPA "Get the Lead Out" initiative, the City will replace all lead and GRR service lines in its system. The City will apply for funding from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) to finance the service line replacements, and service lines will be replaced on a rolling basis as funding permits. In addition, we are required to replace the water system-owned portion of the service line upon notification that the customer-owned portion will be undergoing replacement. Please notify us at cityhall@luthersville.org so we may coordinate our efforts.

What are the 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.

What Can I do to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water?

- **Run your water to flush out lead.** If the water hasn't been used for several hours, run the water for 15-30 seconds to flush lead from interior plumbing or run it until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
- **Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.**
- **Do NOT boil water to attempt to remove lead.**
- **Look for alternative sources or treatment of water (such as bottled water or water filters).**
- **Re-test your water for lead periodically.**
- **Identify and replace plumbing fixtures containing lead.**

Lead Sampling Requirements

The Lead and Copper Rule requires water systems to perform routine representative lead and copper testing for their customers, including increased sampling for schools and childcare facilities. If you operate a **licensed childcare facility**, please contact cityhall@luthersville.org with your address and business name to coordinate sampling efforts.

For more information, call us at (770) 927-6885, or visit our website at www.luthersville.org. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,

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