



MINIMIZE LEAD INTAKE

Replace your lead water service connection!

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Consider alternate sources of drinking water

If you have, or suspect you have a lead water service...

- Alternate sources of drinking water should be considered for children less than six years of age and pregnant women.
- Or attach a filter to the tap which is NSF 53-certified for lead removal.

Inspect your water service

- Older homes are more susceptible to having lead content in their water pipes. Make an appointment to have a Check Size and Type Inspection to learn if your water pipes are lead, lead alloy or galvanized steel.

Wise Water Use

- While running the cold water for 5 minutes, fill up a container for watering household plants.
- After you have run the water for 5 minutes, fill a large container of water to keep in your fridge.

For additional health related information www.hamilton.ca/safewater



Run Cold Water

- If the water has not been used for 6 hours, run the cold water for 5 minutes before using any water for drinking or cooking. This will usually remove any water affected by lead or reduce the lead to a safe level.
- A typical household running the water for 5 minutes, 3 times a day, would spend less than \$2.00 per month.
- When hot water is required for cooking, run the water from the cold tap and then heat it on the stove or in the microwave oven. Hot water can initiate the leaching of lead into drinking water more quickly than cold water.

Boiling the tap water will not remove lead

For more information about other programs and services offered by the Water and Wastewater Division, please call 905-546-CITY (2489), on-line at www.hamilton.ca/water or visit your local Municipal Service Centre for one of our brochures.

- Drinking Water Report
- Poor Water Pressure Program
- Watering Your Lawn Efficiently
 - Low-Flow Aerators
- Sewer Lateral Management Program
 - No-Fat Sewers
- High Household Water Consumption



We can answer your questions, assist you with a concern, or help you find the right person!

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Lead Pipe Service Replacement Program



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LEAD PIPE SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Understanding the terminology

A **Check Size** and **Type Inspection** is one of the initial steps involved to determine the size and type of pipe that is used to provide your water service.

This inspection will determine if your current water pipe is made from lead, lead alloy, or galvanized steel.

Lead in your drinking water

Drinking water that is delivered through Hamilton's water distribution system has been treated and tested to ensure the level of lead in the water is below the Canadian standard of 0.01 mg of lead per litre of water.

The presence of lead in older household plumbing solder and in some watermain pipes creates an opportunity for lead to leach into the water. The longer water is in contact with the lead, the greater the chance of lead absorbing into the water.

What's the process?

If you suspect that you have lead water service, call the City of Hamilton's Water Distribution

Section at 905-546-4426 and arrange to have a **Check Size** and **Type Inspection** of your water service.

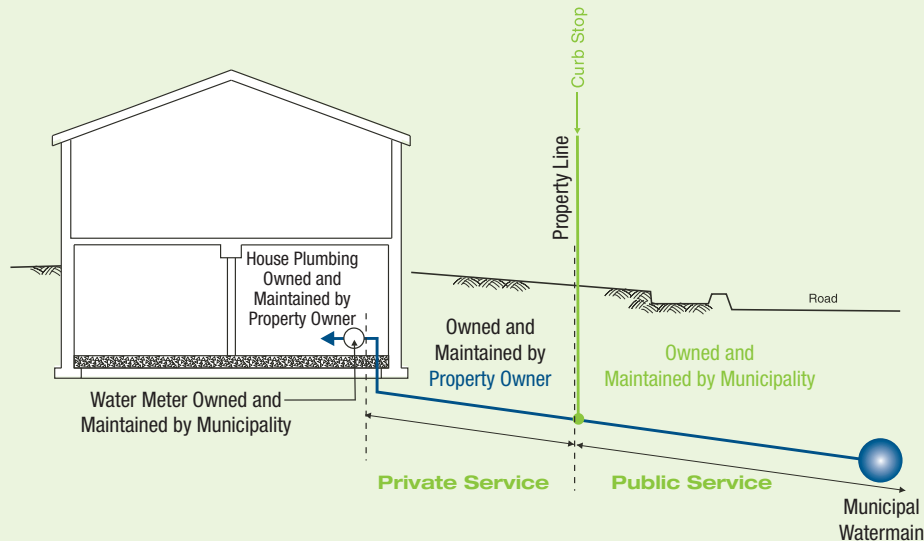
Upon completion of an inspection at your address, if it is determined that your current pipes are made out of lead, lead alloy or galvanized steel

and you **fulfill your obligations**, the City of Hamilton will replace the existing **Public Service** located in the road allowance with copper pipe or install a new service in the case of a shared service.

Pilot Project, Funding Assistance

The City of Hamilton has initiated a pilot funding assistance program that will be in effect until October 31, 2008. It enables eligible property owners of residential dwellings that meet the Lead Water Service Replacement Program Guidelines to access a 10-year interest bearing loan for the replacement of lead water private services. The loan is transferred to the property owner's tax roll with annual payments due on the final tax installment due dates. The loan, if approved, will not exceed \$2000 and will only be paid to the property owner upon receipt of the invoices for the completed work, and the inspection of the completed work by City staff under the water service permit.

WATER SERVICE



Private Service

is the portion of the water pipe located on your property between the building and the property line.

Public Service

is the portion of the water pipe located on the street right-of-way between your property line and the watermain.

Construction Season is from April to November. Replacements of Public Service are scheduled during this time. Financial constraints and inclement weather may impact the schedule.

For current permit fee and water service relocation information, or to book a Check Size and Type Inspection, contact the Water and Wastewater Division Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. 905-546-4426

Your obligations

The City's replacement of the **Public Service** will be scheduled providing the property owner meets the following conditions:

- The property owner, at their expense, replaces or installs a new copper **Private Service**
- The property owner installs a water meter
- When it is a shared service, the property owner eliminates all plumbing interconnections between their property and any other premises
- The property owner must have the **Private Service** replaced and inspected prior to the **Public Service** being replaced by the City

Following the **Check Size** and **Type Inspection**, the property owner can purchase a water service replacement permit on the main floor of 330 Wentworth Street North. Upon receipt of the permit fee, a water service permit will be issued.

For more information call 905-546-CITY (2489)

Loan Eligibility

- Must be the owner(s) of the property
- All owners of the property must apply for the loan
- Have obtained a minimum of 1 quote for the work from licensed Contractors
- Has not commenced replacement of private service prior to October 10, 2007.
- All property taxes must be current at the time of application and at time of loan payment
- The owner(s) must complete and sign the Commitment Letter
- The owner(s) must meet all the conditions of this Program