

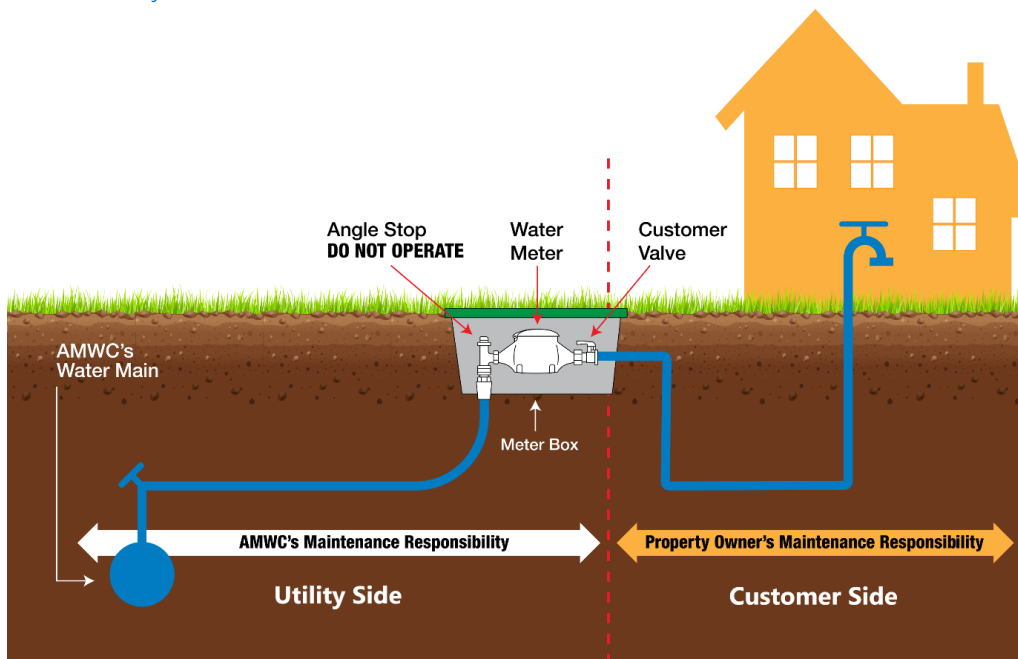
Lead in Water Service Lines

This notice is intended for those properties built prior to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1986. The 1986 Amendments banned the use of lead in water pipes and fixtures.

Water service lines are the pipes and fittings that connect the plumbing from your home or business to Atascadero Mutual Water Company's (AMWC's) water main under the street. Prior to the 1986 Amendments, some water utilities, developers, and/or property owners may have installed service lines that were made of materials that contained lead.

- **Utility Side:** AMWC owns and is responsible for the section of the water service line between the water main and the meter. The EPA requires AMWC to replace any lead service lines that are on the utility side. However, AMWC has no record of ever having installed lead service lines between the water main and the meter.
- **Customer Side:** The property owner owns and is responsible for the section of the water service line between the water meter and the home or business.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires water purveyors to inventory the type of material used to construct water service lines on both the utility side and the customer side (see graphic below). To determine if your service line is lead, [we are asking customers to assist by completing a Lead Service Line Inventory Form](#).



Why is this important?

Lead is a toxic metal that was used in water pipes and fixtures prior to the 1986 SDWA Amendments. Lead can get into drinking water when a lead service line corrodes, is removed, or is replaced. Lead exposure can harm children's brains, lower IQs, and affect learning and behavior. Children younger than six years old are at higher risk because their bodies are growing rapidly.

Visit our website at amwc.us/lead to learn more about lead service lines and/or scan the QR code to complete the Customer Service Line Inventory.

