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## **NOTICE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR A LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE**

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Dear East Grand Rapids Resident/Property Owner:

We are committed to delivering high-quality water. We work hard every day to do just that and we have a long history of success in protecting the public's health. We regularly sample drinking water to better understand the lead and copper levels in our system. The City of East Grand Rapids purchases water from the City of Grand Rapids which uses corrosion-control measures at the water filtration plant to ensure lead levels are controlled. However, lead still may enter the home through lead pipes. The good news, though, is our most recent lead and copper samples are well below the advisory level set by the State of Michigan and federal government. Results in 2019 were 4 parts per billion (ppb), well below the current action level, which is 15ppb. For reference, 1ppb is the equivalent of a single drop of water in an Olympic size swimming pool. The Food and Drug Administration recommends that bottle water standard for lead in "for sale" bottled water not exceed 5 ppb.

New state regulations require the City to complete an inventory count of all lead water service lines in our system and provide notification if records show a lead service line may be present.

Prevention is the best way to protect your family. Here are some steps you can take to reduce exposure to lead from the pipe:

- Run the cold water tap for at least 5 minutes. Use only cold water for drinking and baby formula preparation – lead dissolves more easily in hot water.
- Remove your faucet aerators – the small attachment at the tip of the faucet that filters and softens the flow of water – at least once a month and clean them out. Small particles may accumulate in the screens.
- Make sure your home plumbing materials are evaluated by a licensed plumber.

Rental property owners are responsible for notifying tenants of this notice and the potential of a lead water service line on the property.

Lead service lines are noted in two categories, public and private. You are receiving this notice because records indicate that your private service may be lead. The public service is from the water main to the shut-off to the property, typically located near the property boundary and public right-of-way adjacent to a sidewalk. The private portion is from the shut-off to the home. Property owners may elect to replace a private lead service line at any time with a permit from the City. If a private lead service is replaced and the public side is determined to be lead, the City will replace the public portion at the same time at no cost. Under the new lead and copper rule, the City will replace public and private lead services if your home is within the limits of a water main replacement or rehabilitation project.

For more information including FAQ's, water quality reports, testing results, etc. please visit the following webpage: <https://www.eastgr.org/242/WaterSewer-Systems> or call DPW Administration at 616-940-4817 or DPW Operations at 616-940-4870.

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