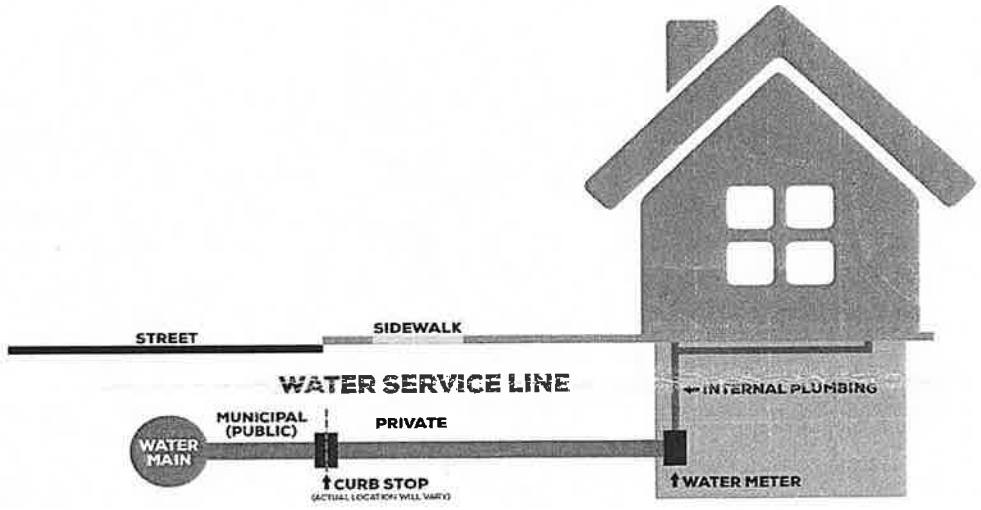
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Date 12-10-2025

OWNER/OCCUPANT
3711 ADAMS
CUDAHY, WI53110

RE: NOTIFICATION OF KNOWN SERVICE LINE CONTAINING LEAD
at 3711 ADAMS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA's) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions require notification of water customers and property owners when a water service line is known or likely to be made of lead. **Cudahy Water Utility records indicate that all or a portion of the water line that connects your home to the watermain in the street is made of lead.** People living in homes with a lead service line may have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water. This notice contains important information about your drinking water. Please share this information with anyone who drinks and/or cooks using water at this property.



Water service line
A service line is the portion of pipe that connects the water main in the street to the building served. The service is comprised of two distinct parts: the municipal or public service and the private service. The public service is the section located in the area from the water main to and through the curb stop (the property's water shut-off valve). This section is owned and maintained by the City of Cudahy. The second section, the private service is located from the curb stop into the building. This section, including the valves to and from the water meter, is owned and maintained by the property owner.

The City of Cudahy has developed an online dashboard which provides access to the utility's service line material records by property address. Material service line records can be viewed at https://shorturl.atXxS0q.

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 worsen 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 an increased risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and kidney, or nervous system problems.

Sources of lead in drinking water
Lead is NOT found in our source water, Lake Michigan, and it is NOT found in our treated drinking water. None of Cudahy's water mains are made of lead. Lead exposure from drinking water occurs when water has prolonged contact with lead materials or components which may be present in water service lines or home plumbing. When water stands in lead service lines, lead pipes, or plumbing components containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into your drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning or later in the afternoon if the water has not been used all day, can contain fairly high levels of lead.

Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking water.
Below are recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. The list also includes where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead in drinking water.

- ***Use your filter properly.*** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, it should be certified to remove lead. Read any directions provided with the filter to learn how to properly install, maintain, and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information on facts and advice on home water filtration systems, visit EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead.
- ***Clean your aerator.*** Regularly remove and clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- ***Use cold water.*** Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- ***Run your water.*** The more time water has been sitting in pipes providing water to your home, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes. The amount of time to run the water will depend on whether your home has a lead service line or not, as well as the length and diameter of the service line and the amount of plumbing in your home.
- ***Learn about construction in your neighborhood.*** Construction may cause more lead to be released from a lead service line or galvanized service line if present. Contact us to find out about any construction or maintenance work that may disturb your service line.
- ***Have your water tested.*** Contact a certified laboratory to have your water tested for lead. A list of certified laboratories is available at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/labCert/certified-lab-lists. Note, a water sample may not adequately capture or represent all sources of lead that may be present. For information on sources of lead that include service lines and interior plumbing, please visit https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto. This information can also be accessed through the City of Cudahy's lead service line information webpage at https://shorturl.at/XxS0q.

Get your child tested to determine lead levels in their blood.
A family doctor or pediatrician can perform a blood test for lead and provide information about the health effects of lead. Cudahy residents can call or email the Cudahy Health Department for more information about getting their child's blood lead level tested (health@cudahy-wi.gov or 414-769-2239). Although no level of exposure of lead is good, it's most harmful to the developing brains and bodies of children 6 and younger.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends public health actions when the level of lead in a child's blood is 3.5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) or more. For more information and links to CDC's website, please visit https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water

For more information on reducing lead exposure from drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at *http://www.epa.gov/lead*.

Opportunities to replace your lead service line
There are over 6000 lead service lines in the City of Cudahy. A comprehensive replacement program is being developed and is anticipated to be completed in late 2025. Should a property owner wish to replace their private lead service in advance of a Cudahy replacement program, the City is required to replace the public portion of any lead service at the Utility's cost, but financial assistance for the private service is not available at this time. For more information on replacements and financial assistance, please visit https://shorturl.at/XxS0q.

If you have questions concerning any of the information provided in this notice, or if you have information that could help us better describe your service line, contact us at (414) 769-2216 or dpw@cudahy-wi.gov.

Sincerely,

Frank Miller

Frank Miller, Director
Department of Public Works/Water Utility