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As part of a nationwide initiative, South Dakota Public Water Suppliers and the SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR), asked residents to submit information on their water service pipe material. This initiative allowed water providers to document the presence of lead service pipes in their systems.

The majority of South Dakota water pipes are free of lead, but we need to find where lead pipes still exist so they can be removed. A notification sheet is included with this mailer providing information about the impact of lead in water pipes. Additional information can be found by following the links below or contacting your city office.

Questions: <https://www.sdwaterpipes.com/faqs>

Complete the survey online at [survey.sdwaterpipes.com](https://survey.sdwaterpipes.com)



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# Notification that your water service line material is unknown.

The City of Milbank has not been able to determine the material in some or all of your water service line. Because some or all of the service line material is unknown, there is a possibility that it may be composed of lead. People living in homes with a lead service line have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water. This letter serves to notify you of this potential risk and provides information to help you reduce your risk of lead exposure.

**Opportunities to verify the material of your service lines.** Please contact us if you are interested in verifying the materials of your service line. You can also complete a brief survey to identify the material at [survey.sdwaterpipes.com](https://survey.sdwaterpipes.com) or clicking on "Complete the Survey" at [www.sdwaterpipes.com](https://www.sdwaterpipes.com).

## 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.

## Steps You Can Take to Reduce Your Exposure to Lead in Your Water

1. Run your water to flush out lead. If the tap hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15-30 seconds to flush lead from interior plumbing or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to cook, drink, or make baby formula.
3. Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.
4. Look for alternative water sources or treatment options. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water treatment filter/device. Ensure any filter/device is NSF-approved to remove lead (labeled NSF/ANSI-53). Be sure to maintain or replace any filter/device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to protect water quality.
5. If you are concerned about exposure, contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead.

## For More Information

Call us at 605-432-9575 or visit our website at [www.milbanksd.com](https://www.milbanksd.com). For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead) or contact your health care provider.