



LEAD & COPPER RULE

A Brief Overview

The [EPA's Lead and Copper Rule](#) is a federal regulation designed to eliminate lead service lines. While lead and copper are naturally occurring elements and can find their way into water sources, they can be harmful if consumed in excess.

The primary goal of the Lead and Copper Rule is to ensure that drinking water in communities across the United States remains safe and free from contaminants. The rule stipulates that water utilities must work to eliminate lead water lines in their distribution systems.

How Does this Affect You and Your Water?

As part of this initiative, the Village must identify the materials used in all the customer service lines in the water supply system before October 16, 2024. Customer service lines are the water lines owned and maintained by the customer. Customer service lines are located on the customer's property and connect to the Village's water mains.

Attention: Based on our historical knowledge of Bald Head Island's water supply system, we do not anticipate that we will uncover lead service lines during this process. This initiative is a precautionary measure to ensure ongoing transparency and community involvement in maintaining Bald Head Island's water quality.

In-Person Inspection by Village Utilities Staff

Village Utilities staff will be conducting a comprehensive assessment of water lines. This assessment is a proactive step to ensure the continued quality and reliability of our water supply system. The assessment process will involve a thorough examination of water lines. All Village Utilities staff drive vehicles and wear uniforms with the Village of Bald Head Island logo. As of March 27, 2024, approximately ½ of the island's properties have been assessed.

Potential Excavation

In some cases, the assessment may require Village staff to excavate water lines situated within yards. We understand that this might cause temporary inconvenience, and we want to assure you that these measures are essential to ensure the safety and quality of your water supply. If lead is discovered, the Village will follow up with the customer.

For any further questions or assistance, please feel free to reach out to Village Utilities at 910-457-7350.