

# City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities

## working toward LEAD FREE WATER

### Getting the Lead Out Together: Your Help is Key!



#### Why Identifying Lead Pipes is So Important:



**Protecting Our Families:** Lead exposure, even at low levels, can have serious health consequences, especially for children and pregnant women\*. Knowing where lead pipes are allows the City to prioritize replacements and protect public health.

*Richmond's drinking water does not contain lead when it leaves the treatment plant. Rather, instances of lead in water can occur from water service lines made of lead as well as internal plumbing materials.*



**Targeted Funding Opportunities:** When we have a clear picture of where lead service lines are located throughout the city, it strengthens our case for securing additional state and federal funding.



**A Better Roadmap for Replacements:** Accurate identification of lead pipes helps us create an efficient block-by-block service line replacement plan.

*\*Visit the website or scan the QR code on the reverse to learn how to reduce the risk of lead entering your drinking water.*



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## Step 1: Update Our Inventory



**Do-It-Yourself Inspection Instructions:** Prefer to do it yourself? We provide clear, easy-to-follow instructions on our website. It's simpler than you think and can be done in minutes!



**Free Plumber Service Line Inspection:** We are offering no cost, professional inspections by licensed plumbers. This is the easiest and most reliable way. Schedule your free inspection today!

## Step 2: Replace All Lead Lines (The Goal!)



This is where all our efforts come together! To remove lead from our water lines, we require your help in identifying any lead pipes on your property. This data is critical for us to plan the **block-by-block replacement** work, a phased approach projected to be completed over the next **10 years**.

*Visit the website below or scan the QR code for the links to schedule a free professional inspection or the step-by-step instructions to complete the inspection yourself.*



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