

# Lead & Copper Inventory

In 1991 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Lead and Copper Rule. The rule's purpose is to protect public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water. Lead and Copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of plumbing materials that contain lead and copper. The EPA and the Virginia Department of Health require a Lead and Copper Inventory. It requires towns to survey their water systems and identify lead pipes. **The Town of Broadway's portion of the municipal water system does not contain lead or copper pipes.**

As a landowner and/or resident of the town, you may have received a letter regarding this inventory. The letter was to inform you that the service line or the pipes in your house or business meet criteria that means they MAY contain lead and/or copper that can cause health issues. To learn more about how you should proceed, go to the EPA's website and review, [Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead](#). This guide explains how to check the pipes that bring water into your home, reduce exposure to lead, and find resources about certified laboratories to get drinking water tested for lead.

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EPA resources:

[Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead | US EPA](#)

[Home Drinking Water Testing | US EPA](#)

Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or visit [www.epa.gov/safewater/labs](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/labs)