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**Notice of a Galvanized Water Service Line in Contact with Lead**

**On January 1, 2022, the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (415 ILCS 5/17.12) was signed into law. Per the Illinois statute, all water system owners, including the Village of Flossmoor, must develop a comprehensive plan for replacing these lines by 2042.** The Village has submitted an initial draft plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The law also requires the Village to create a record of lead service lines and deliver notices to residents with service lines that are lead, galvanized (that is /was downstream of a lead service line), or unknown.

During the recent water meter replacement project, the Village tasked its plumbing contractor with identifying and documenting the water service line material that enters every building in the Village to create an inventory. This inventory will inform the Village's comprehensive plan for replacing the lines. **Our records indicate that some portion of the water service line from your home to the water main is made of galvanized pipe that was or is downstream of a lead pipe and will be included in the Village's comprehensive replacement program.** Lead exposure is harmful to human health. The most common exposure to lead is swallowing and breathing in lead paint chips and dust. However, lead in drinking water can also be a source of lead exposure. Note that the Village regularly tests consumers' water for lead and is in full compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule. Lead in water usually occurs through corrosion of plumbing products containing lead, such as a lead water service line; however, disruption (construction or maintenance) of lead water service lines may also temporarily increase lead levels in the water supply. Please consider the following preventative measures to reduce lead exposure from drinking water:

**Run the Tap Before Use**

Lead levels are likely at their highest when water has been sitting in a lead pipe for several hours. Flush this water from your pipes by running the cold water for at least 5 minutes before using. This allows you to draw fresh water from the Village's water main.

**Clean Aerators**

Aerators are small screens at the tips of faucets. They can accumulate small particles of lead. Remove aerators at least monthly and clean them out.

### **Use Cold Water for Cooking & Drinking**

Always cook, drink and prepare baby formula with cold water from the tap. Lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling of water will not remove lead.

### **Filter The Water**

Many home water filters are effective at removing lead. If you purchase a filter, make sure it is certified to NSF/ANSI 53 and NSF/ANSI 42 for lead removal and that you maintain it properly.

### **Sample Your Water**

Test your water for lead. If you would like to have your water tested, here is contact information for a trusted water-testing lab in the Chicago area: Suburban Laboratories, Inc. – (708) 544-3260. If test results indicate a lead level above 15 ug/L, bottled water should be used by pregnant women, breastfeeding women, young children and formula-fed infants.

### **Remove Sources of Lead**

Identify your plumbing fixtures that contain lead and replace them with lead-free fixtures. You may replace your galvanized water service line at your own expense if you so choose. The Village will be further developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to replace lead service lines within the time period set forth by the IEPA. This plan will include a funding strategy to pay for the lead line replacements, including the commitment to aggressively pursue State and Federal funds that may be available to help offset the cost.

**Additional information regarding lead water-service lines can be found on the Village's website: [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org). As information about the Village's future lead service line replacement project becomes available, it will be published on the Village's website.**

### **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. For more information on lead exposure, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/>.*

## **IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE**

**(English)** This notice contains important information about your water service and may affect your rights. We encourage you to have this notice translated in full into a language you understand and before you make any decisions that may be required under this notice.

**(Spanish)** Este aviso contiene información importante sobre su servicio de agua y puede afectar sus derechos. Le recomendamos que haga traducir este aviso en su totalidad a un idioma que comprenda y antes de tomar cualquier decisión que pueda ser necesaria en virtud de este aviso.

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**(Chinese)** 本通知包含有关您的供水服务的重要信息，可能会影响您的权利。我们鼓励您在做出本通知可能要求的任何决定之前，将本通知完整翻译成您理解的语言。

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**(Urdu)** اس نوٹس میں آپ کی پانی کی خدمت کے بارے میں اہم معلومات شامل ہیں اور یہ آپ کے حقوق کو متاثر کر سکتی ہے۔ ہم آپ کی حوصلہ افزائی کرتے ہیں کہ آپ اس نوٹس کا مکمل ترجمہ اس زبان میں کرائیں جو آپ سمجھتے ہیں اور اس سے پہلے کہ آپ کوئی فیصلہ کریں جو اس نوٹس کے تحت درکار ہو۔

**(Gujarati)** આ સૂચનામાં તમારી પાણીની સેવા વિશે મહત્વપૂર્ણ માહિતી શામેલ છે અને તે તમારા અધિકારોને અસર કરી શકે છે. અમે તમને પ્રોત્સાહિત કરીએ છીએ કે તમે આ નોટિસને તમે સમજો છો તે ભાષામાં સંપૂર્ણ ભાષાંતર કરો અને તમે આ સૂચના ઠેઠ જરૂરી હોય તેવા કોઈપણ નિર્ણયો લો તે પહેલાં.