



TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Department of Public Works

December 19, 2025

Dear Public Water Service Consumer -

Enclosed is a required notification by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) regarding the drinking water pipe that connects your home to the Town's water distribution system.

In 1991 the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established regulations setting maximum contaminant levels for lead and copper in the drinking water supply and requiring routine sampling at strategic locations. These rules were revised in 2021 to include requirements for all Public Water Supplies (PWS) to inventory their drinking water system to identify lead service lines. The report was submitted to MassDEP on October 15, 2024 and is available on the Town's website at the following address; <https://www.burlington.org/1240/LSL-Inventory-Program>.

Although the Town has no records of using lead pipe, and long term DPW employees have never encountered lead materials in the field, and none were identified by the inventory, MassDEP still requires the Town to notify residents if their water service material is listed in the report as "unknown." DPW routinely tests for lead and copper in the water supply and has records of testing as far back as at least July of 1992. DPW has not found any documentation that Burlington was in exceedance of these levels during this time. Additionally, Burlington's drinking water is specifically treated for corrosion to prevent lead and copper in the old household plumbing or fixtures that might be in your home from leaching into the water. In fact, in January of 1994, MassDEP declared Burlington's system to have optimized corrosion control and therefore allowed for the reduced measures required under the regulations.

In short, no available accounts and records document the use of lead pipe in water services. DPW believes the intent of the EPA regulations is to identify and remove known lead pipes, that are more prevalent in older cities and towns, and which may have lead exceedances in their drinking water system. Over the upcoming years, Burlington will work to make formal determinations of the "unknown" material, and continue to update the Town's water service inventory.

Should you have questions please contact the Water Treatment Plant Manager, Russ Makiej at (781) 270-1648 or rmakiej@burlington.org.

Regards, A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian R. White". Below the signature, there is a faint, illegible printed name that appears to be "BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS".

Brian R. White, P.E. Director of Public Works

