

Borough of Ramsey

Service Line Inventory

Lead Service Line Replacement Information

Background

All Public Community Water Systems, including Ramsey, are required now to provide water service line inventory information to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The NJ Lead Service Line law (P.L. 2021, Ch.183) was passed on July 22, 2021 and requires all Public Community Water Systems to inventory and replace all lead and galvanized service lines in their system over a period of 10 years. Galvanized lines are considered lead lines under the new law. The following deadlines are required under the NJ Lead Service Line law:

- 9/24/2021- Initial summary of lead/unknown water service lines to be sent to NJDEP.
- 1/22/2022-Service Line Inventory Report to be sent to NJDEP. The inventory is required to be made publically available online. This inventory is a full inventory of all the water service lines in the water system. Ramsey's inventory can be found on the Borough website under **Service Line Inventory/LSL Inventory** (<https://www.ramseynj.com/LSL-Inventory>)
- 1/22/2022-Written notice of service line material must be sent to customers with an identified lead or galvanized service line whether the service line is on the public-side or customer-side.
- 7/22/2022-A Lead Service Line Replacement Plan is to be sent to NJDEP.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does Ramsey have any lead water service lines?

Ramsey has over 5000 customer water service lines in its system including residential, commercial, and industrial water services. These water service lines are composed of various materials which may include copper, cast iron and galvanized materials. Ramsey identified a small number of water service lines that could be lead service lines in the form of galvanized materials or lead components. The initial inventory shows that less than two percent (2%) of the service lines have been identified as being lead or galvanized service lines.

How do I find out what material my service line for my home or business is composed of?

Ramsey posted the inventory of all of the water service lines on the Borough website under **Service Line Inventory/LSL Inventory** (<https://ramseynj.com/LSL-Inventory>) You will be able to search by address or block and lot in the database. If your property is listed as unknown service line material, correspondence will be forthcoming to provide you with additional information.

What is next for Ramsey's lead water service line plan?

The Borough, as required by the NJ Lead Service Line law, will be creating and implementing a lead service line replacement program. More information on the replacement program will be forthcoming as the NJDEP issues guidance on the requirements of the replacement program.

What does Ramsey do to protect its water customers from lead exposure?

Ramsey continues to sample for lead in your drinking water as required by NJDEP. The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) sets a Lead Action Level for drinking water. The water sample results are summarized in the Annual Consumer Confidence Report which is posted on Ramsey's website. You can review the water sample results for lead in the report. **Ramsey test results are in compliance with USEPA lead limits.**

In addition, Ramsey has a corrosion control water treatment system in place for its source water. This type of water treatment is designed to protect against corrosion of the water distribution mains, service lines, and plumbing in your homes and businesses.

What can I do if I am concerned about lead in drinking water?

Please visit the USEPA webpage, **Basic Information About Lead in Drinking Water**:

www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water

Please contact Ramsey's Board of Public Works Licensed Water Operator, Mr. James DeBlock of DeBlock Environmental Services at (973) 998-9100, if you need additional information or have any questions.