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Dear Homeowner:

Based upon a recent inventory conducted by Beattyville Water Works, we would like to notify you that the drinking water service line leading to your residence is currently of an unknown material. Service lines installed before 1988 were sometimes made of lead, so there is the potential that the service line is made of lead.

Beattyville Water would like to determine the material of the service line at your residence to determine whether it is lead or not. Please contact us at 606-464-5007, or complete the survey enclosed and return to the address below, or scan the QR code below to complete the survey online.



There are other resources that can help you determine your service line material:

- Check Your Pipes Kentucky website: bit.ly/checkyourpipesky
- Contact a **State Certified Laboratory** to request a test for lead.
- EPA – Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead - <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead-0>

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 people 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.

Steps you can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water:

- Before drinking or cooking with water from a tap that has been unused for over 6 hours, let the water run at the maximum flow for 3-5 minutes.
- Do not cook with, or drink water from the hot water tap; lead is dissolved more easily in hot water. This also applies when preparing baby formula or mixing water with concentrated juices.
- Boiling water does not reduce lead levels – in fact, it may make lead levels more concentrated.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. If you would like more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead or contact the National Lead Information Center (NLIC) at 1(800) 424-5323. If you have any questions or concerns about your drinking water, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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