

To Windom residents and business owners,

I have taken many calls from residents concerned about the water service line inventory postcards that many people have received over the last few days so I'll try to clear up any confusion.

History –

The EPA instituted a revision of the Lead and Copper Rule. It required every municipality in the country to create and maintain an inventory of all water service lines.

What this means-

In Windom, that means we have to identify both the line from the main in the street to the curb stop, and the line from the curb stop to the residence or business. Initially there were letters sent out to each residence and business, as well as people going door to door working to get as many of the homeowner side inspections completed as possible. Each year, we have to report the updated inventory to the Minnesota Department of Health. Service lines that have not been identified must then be reported as unknown. As per the rule, any resident with an unknown service line must be notified. The postcards being received are that notification. Please be aware that this only means that we have not yet identified the service line, either the homeowner side or the City side. If you haven't received a postcard, it means both sides of your line have been identified.

Please note-

This does not mean that there is lead in your service line. This only means that we cannot say that there isn't lead because we haven't identified it yet.

Going forward-

We will continue working to get the inventory as complete as possible. Anyone with a service line that has been identified as lead or galvanized requiring replacement will be notified, and a plan to replace the line will be established.

I emphasize that Windom water is safe and meets all Drinking Water Quality parameters.

Questions or concerns-

Please call 507-831-6138, send an email to water@windommn.com, or you can also send an email from the City's new website.

Thank you,

Ryan Anderson

Water/Wastewater Superintendent