

Lead pipes in Washington, DC: what to do

Does the city pay for your side of the line? Yes, during DC Water's planned projects with a signed Right-of-Entry form. Outside projects, an income-based discount of up to 100% (LPRAP).

1. Check your address

Look up your address on the DC Water map: geo.dewater.com/Lead/. You can also call the number below.

2. What the city covers

\$0 in planned projects. Outside them, discount of up to 100% depending on income.

3. Call

202-787-4044

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4. In the meantime

- If the water has sat for hours, run the cold tap until it feels colder before drinking or cooking.
- Use cold water for drinking, cooking and baby formula.
- If you use a filter, pick one certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 or 58 for lead reduction. The box or the certifier's online listing says so.
- Questions about health: ask your doctor or local health department.

Source: Lead Free DC, DC Water (www.dewater.com/resources/lead-free-dc/customer-initiated-replacement-options). Checked Oct 18, 2026. Programs change, so confirm with the city.

More and updates: leadpipehelp.org/cities/washington-dc/