**Notice of Service Line Inspection Refusal**

You are receiving this notice because the owner of this property has refused or not responded to two attempts from [Public water system name] to inspect the building’s service lines (pipes) for lead. Service lines supply drinking water from the water main to the building. If a service line is made with lead, lead can get into the drinking water. Lead is toxic and can cause long-term health problems, especially for children younger than six years old and people who are pregnant.

**Why are service lines being inspected?**

[Public water system name] is inspecting service lines where they connect to buildings to determine if they were made with lead. Service lines found to contain lead are being replaced to meet the requirements of the *Rhode Island Lead Poisoning Prevention Act*.

**Why should I be concerned?**

The service line connecting to this building has not been inspected. If the service line is made of lead, lead could be getting into the drinking water. Drinking water with lead in it can cause lead poisoning.

Lead is most dangerous to children younger than six years old and people who are pregnant. Lead poisoning can hurt a child's brain and nervous system and slow down growth and development. Children can have difficulty learning and behaving well and may have trouble paying attention. Even small amounts of lead can harm a child. Lead poisoning is preventable.

**What can I do?**

As a tenant, you can request that the property owner have the service line inspected for lead. If, after inspection, the service line is found to contain lead, you may request the property owner have the service line replaced. For more information about your rights under the *Lead Poisoning Prevention Act*, visit [health.ri.gov/water/about/lead/](https://health.ri.gov/water/about/lead/).

**How can I protect my family from lead in drinking water?**

* Request a water filter that will remove lead from [insert public water system name] by [insert contact information instructions].
* Run the cold water for 3 to 5 minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. This is called “flushing” the tap.
* Only use cold water for cooking or drinking.
* For more information, visit [health.ri.gov/water/about/lead/](https://health.ri.gov/water/about/lead/).

**If you have questions about this notice, call the Rhode Island Department of Health’s Center for Drinking Water Quality at 401-222-6867.**