

Marblehead's Water Distribution System Has **NO RECORDED LEAD SERVICE LINES**

Marblehead receives its water supply from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. MWRA water is lead-free when it leaves the reservoirs. Neither the MWRA's water mains nor Marblehead's water mains add lead to the water. However, lead can get into water through *household* plumbing (the pipes *within* your home).

How to Tell if You Have a Lead Pipe as Part of Your Household Plumbing

Lead pipes are generally a dull gray color and are very soft. You can identify them easily by carefully scratching the pipe with a key. If the pipe is made of lead, the area you've scratched will turn a bright silver color. *DO NOT USE A KNIFE* or other sharp instrument and be careful not to puncture a hole in the pipe.



How to Reduce Potential Exposure to Lead

To reduce your potential exposure, you should *always* use fresh, **cold** running water for drinking and cooking. You should *always* buy plumbing fixtures that have zero- or low-lead levels. Read the labels of any new plumbing fixtures carefully.

Other steps you can take include:

- Be careful of places you may find lead in your home. Paint, soil, dust and some pottery may contain lead.
- Run tap water until after the water feels cold. Then fill a clean pitcher with fresh water and place in the refrigerator for future use.
- Never use hot water from the faucet for drinking or cooking, especially when making baby formula or food for infants.
- Call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (1-800-532-9571) for health information, or visit their website at www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph

For more information about lead in water, visit the MWRA's website at www.mwra.com