



BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER SERVICE LINES

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Bear Valley Community Services District failed to complete an initial service line inventory by the deadline as required by U.S. EPA.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

Bear Valley Community Services District was recently required to conduct an inventory of all water service lines, which is the pipe that connects your home, building, or other structure to the water main. The purpose of the inventory is to identify the material of these service lines and fittings, including the customer-owned side of the water service line. Lead service lines or certain galvanized pipe can potentially place you at risk for exposure to lead.

Bear Valley Community Services District should have completed the inventory by October 16, 2024, but it did not. As a result, the pipe that connects your home, building, or other structure to the water main was not identified by the deadline.

Bear Valley Community Services District routinely monitors for lead in the distribution system and the most recent water sample results received on July 6, 2023, showed that the 90th percentile of all lead levels measured in the distribution system was Non-Detect. The action level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 15 micrograms per liter (µg/L).

The most recent water sample results do not exceed the action level of 0.015 mg/L for lead.

What should I do?

*** If you received a separate notice instructing you to not drink, boil, or avoid drinking your water, please continue following those instructions until you are instructed to do otherwise.**

If you **did not** receive any separate notice:

- This is not an emergency.

- Your water is safe to drink and meets federal and state safe drinking water standards.
- You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).

What is being done?

Bear Valley Community Services District is pleased to report that the inventory was completed and made publicly accessible on March 4, 2026.

The inventory identified some service line materials as lead status unknown. We notified persons served at service connections with lead status unknown service lines on March 16, 2026.

To verify the material of your service line or for any other information, contact Dave Commons, Interim Public Works Director at 661-821-4428 or dcommons@bvcsd.org or 28999 S. Lower Valley Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561 and/or visit www.bvcsd.org.

Lead Related Health Information

- *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 cause new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women 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.*
- If you have concerns about your water quality, the State Water Board's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program has a [map of laboratories](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs/) that can test your water at the consumer's expense, which can be found at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs/
- If you still have health concerns from potential lead exposure in your drinking water, there are point-of-use (POU) devices that can be used on your drinking water taps to provide an additional barrier of protection. A list of these residential treatment devices can be found at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/device/watertreatmentdevices.html
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your health care provider.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by [Bear Valley Community Services District](#).

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