

Community Notification: Fort George G. Meade Service Line Inventory

Beginning Monday, NOV 4, American Water will be sending out notices, via mail, to identify facilities with galvanized service lines requiring replacement. This effort is a continuation of the installation-wide comprehensive service line inventory that began in July. This inventory is part of the EPA's 10-year mandate requiring the removal of all lead pipes connected to the Nation's water distribution infrastructure and is crucial to establish infrastructure replacement priorities to ensure the health and safety of our community members. American Water estimates the inventory process will conclude by the end of November.

Plan Overview

Our current assessment shows that areas with potential lead-related issues make up about 8% of all service lines on the installation, totaling 2,966 water service connections. American Water is actively investigating these lines, with the goal of reducing the unknown lead status to zero by the end of November.

Current Service Line Status

- 88 Galvanized Requiring Replacement (3% of all lines)
- 144 Lead Status Unknown (5% of all lines)

Inspection Process

The inspection involves examining the types of pipes entering each building. This will include creating "potholes" in various locations and conducting checks within facilities. Temporary road and lane closures will occur during inspections but are expected to last only a few hours. We ask everyone to be cautious and alert in these areas.

Fort Meade's drinking water is confirmed safe by a recent American Water report, which you can view [here](<https://www.amwater.com/ccr/fortmeade.pdf>).

For more information on the inventory program:

https://www.army.mil/article/278265?fbclid=IwY2xjawGMpH9leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHfrktRaw981Lh3an7mvNje0lsBCtNWQeFC0Y9g9Pba5xRpcPayptaf9aTA_aem_Eg64COtA1k9HMX7MAmJXtA

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to enhance the safety of our community.