



Get the Lead Out - Lead Service Line Inventory Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need to do a Lead Services Line Inventory?

- To assess the extent of lead service lines in your system
- To Identify better sampling locations
- To begin planning for Lead service line replacements. This includes applying for State and Federal Grants.(The BIL
- Its Required by the EPA.

When is the Lead Services Line Inventory Template due to the Iowa DNR?

October 16, 2024.

Do we have to use the Iowa Lead Services Line Template?

Yes! All systems nee to use the template provided because the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be receiving approximately 1000 templates and they have to upload those to the EPA.

What do I do when i complete the Lead Services Line Inventory ?

Please email the completed template to LCRR@dnr.iowa.gov

I have questions about the template- who do I contact?

IAMU is here to help with some of the questions you might have about the template.
Please email us at lead serviceline@IAMU.org or call us (515) 289-5203

What are some examples we can use for a system specific ID?

It might be a customer number, part of an account number, or any other number that can identify an address. This can be an identifier your system gives to a service line or customer.

Are there any legal concerns about using the customer number or account number for the system specific ID?

We are not aware of any concerns but please check with your attorney.

Does the service address, which is defined as the exact address, include zip code?

Yes .The service address should include city, state and zip code.

Can fields on the template be mass edited if the response will be the same for all addresses (ie: ownership of service line)

Yes, You can copy and paste your service addresses form another Excel spreadsheet to the Lead Services Template. You should be able to click and drag on the excel document in some of the drop-downs to make data entry more efficient.

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I had to delete a row of data in the template and now I have a blank row.

Can I delete that row? Can I add a Row?

No. You can put a different row of data in that row or leave it blank. You cannot add rows to the template.

What does “upstream” mean? What does “downstream” mean?

Upstream in this case means on the same service line and not the distribution system. For example if the service line is material A from the main to the curbstop and material B is from the curbstop to the home. Material A is upstream from material B.

Downstream in this case means on the same service line and not the distribution system. or example if the service line is material A from the main to the curbstop and material B is from the curbstop to the home. Material B is downstream from material A.

If I don’t have the tap install dates on my of mine, can the home built date be good enough to fill the private side install date?

Please use all of the resources you have to determine the date or a solid estimate, a home built date would be acceptable.

Water service from main to stop box was installed in during the construction of the subdivision in 1997 but the building was not constructed until 2022. The materials are the same, what year would I enter as the year installed?

Our recommendation is to use the oldest date but you can use the comment box to explain that a certain section was replaced and what year that occurred. That way you have all of your documentation in one spot.

**Do we need to include buildings/homes that are built after 1988 on the inventory?
Does the 1988 lead ban prohibit reconnection to existing service lines?**

Yes, All service lines, regardless of age need to be included on the inventory.

Just a clarification- If lead was removed at a later date (example build date was 1920) and copper was put in at some point, would we need to treat galvanized as a potential risk if the copper is replaced again (and galvanized stays?) During CIPS we have areas where lead was previously replaced with 3/4 copper line per current city code. Would the downstream still potentially slough off lead particulate?

If the galvanized currently or ever was downstream from lead it will be considered galvanized requiring replacement (GRR)

Does the 30-day notification period begin sompletion of the entire inventory or any individual line?

Notification must be made within 30 days of completing the inital inventory.

