

## Reducing Lead in Household Drinking Water

- Run water for at least 30 seconds if it hasn't been used in several hours to flush out lead or until water is cold before using it for drinking or cooking.
- Lead dissolves more easily in hot water, so use only cold tap water for cooking, drinking or making a baby's formula.
- **DO NOT USE HOT TAP WATER TO MAKE BABY FORMULA!**
- If lead-containing plumbing materials are found in your home, replace them with Lead Content Certified Products.
- If you can't replace them, then use bottled water or install a Lead Content Certified water filter.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

### Q. How can I tell if my service line is lead?

The easiest way to find out if you have a lead service line is by doing a "scratch test." First, identify where the water service line enters the building. This is typically in a basement or near a water meter. Next, identify a test area on the pipe between the point where it enters the building and the inlet valve before the water meter. Using the flat edge of a screwdriver, gently scratch the outside of the pipe. If the pipe is easily scratched (i.e. the pipe is relatively soft) and the scratched area is shiny and silver, it is likely a lead service line (a magnet will not stick to lead pipe).

If you are unsure if you have lead pipes, and would like to set up an appointment with the Village DPW, please call DPW Superintendent William Vicciarelli at 518-332-0995.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & CONTACTS:

EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791  
 National Lead Information Center: (800) 424-LEAD  
 NYS Department of Health: (800) 801-8092

E-mail [FreeWaterTesting@health.ny.gov](mailto:FreeWaterTesting@health.ny.gov) or call the  
 NYS State Health Department at (518) 402-7650  
 to request a free drinking water lead test kit.

