



TOWN OF AMENIA WATER DISTRICT #1

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URGENT MESSAGE
FOR RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA WATER DISTRICT #1

Dear Water District Resident:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently published new regulations to control lead and copper in municipal water systems (the “Lead and Copper Rule” or “LCR”). This marks the EPA’s first major update to the Lead and Copper Rule in nearly 30 years. The goal is to strengthen the regulatory requirements and better protect communities from lead in their drinking water. The revised LCR now requires municipalities to develop a new Lead Service Line Inventory which must be completed on or before October 16, 2024. The Town of Amenia Water District #1 (the “Water District” or “District”) must abide by these regulations. Failure to do so may result in fines and penalties to the District.

Under the law, the Water District is required to create an inventory of materials contained in the service lines and connections within the District. The inventory must also identify the location of any lead service lines within the District. In order to complete the inventory, the Town of Amenia Water Operator will need access to meters and service lines located within your homes and/or buildings. It may also need to enter your property to locate any external water service lines. This will be the first phase of this project. A second phase will follow consisting of the replacement of all service lines containing lead materials. The second phase of this project will occur after the first phase inventory is completed.

As specified in the Town Code, the Town Water Operator is permitted to enter your property as a condition of receiving water service from the District. (See below.)

All property owners and consumers of water from the public water supply, as a condition of receiving such water service, shall be deemed to have consented to the entry of the Water Operator and Town inspector and/or

other duly authorized representatives of the Town, the NYS DOH, and the Dutchess County Department of Health, upon and into his/her/its property for the purpose of enforcing all provisions of this chapter. The Water Operator and CEO, and any other duly authorized representative of the Town, must show proper identification to the property owner and/or occupants of the property upon request.

Our water infrastructure and meters are serviced by SEBI Environmental Services who will undertake phase 1 and phase 2 aspects of this project. SEBI employees do wear picture ID badges. SEBI can be contacted at their office (845) 789-1307 or by email at info@sebiny.com.

In order to complete this task in a timely manner, it is essential that we have full cooperation from those within the District. The Water District will need current telephone contact information for the Town and/or SEBI to contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time to conduct the required inspections. Please contact SEBI at the number or email above and leave your name, address, and current phone number. There is also a space on the return portion of your bill to update your current phone numbers.

While we anticipate full cooperation, the District is prepared to enforce the Town Code, as required by law. If our operators are refused entrance or we have no working telephone number your meter will be considered “inaccessible”. The fee for an inaccessible meter in a residential home is \$500.00 per quarter. (See fee schedule at <https://ameniany.gov/water/>).

Attached please find information regarding the effects of lead in drinking water. Working together we can identify any lead service lines, mitigate the potential for lead contamination, and continue to provide safe water to our community.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE; we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Victoria Perotti, Supervisor

Town of Amenia