

City of Cornelia

Water Works Department

The City of Cornelia Public Works Department prioritizes public health and is committed to providing safe drinking water that meets all state and federal requirements. In recent years, the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has focused on strengthening some of these requirements such as those for lead. Lead is a natural element that was once used in a variety of products including paint and plumbing. It's important to know that lead does not naturally occur in our source water, nor does it come from our drinking water treatment plant.

If you received a letter from the city, that means your service line is galvanized or unknown:

Galvanized pipes are iron pipes that have been dipped in a protective zinc coating to prevent corrosion and rust. Galvanized piping was commonly installed in homes built before 1970 and was an alternative to lead pipe for service lines.

Unknown is just as it says. The city could not tell what type of lines there because of outside factors were such as obstructions, concrete sidewalks or driveway, etc. This is something the city will be revisiting over the next few months.

Any city-owned service lines that are galvanized or lead will be replaced.

Public Works has been working since 2022 and has identified over 4000 service lines based on historical records, field verifications, and current GIS data. The Public Works Department's inventory process has **not discovered any lead service lines** in the system. Non-lead means that the service line is made of copper, PVC plastic, or another non-lead material.

If you have any specific questions about your service, email at vinson@cornelia.city 706-894-3074