Walker County Rural Water

Lead & Copper and Drinking Water

Lead Info

What is a service line?

Service lines carry water from the main water line (usually in the Right-of-Way) to your home. Part of the service line is the utility's responsibility and part of the service line is located on private property.



Does Walker County Rural's water have lead?

No. lead does not occur naturally in our source water. Lead does not come from our water distribution system. Walker County Rural's water distribution system contains no known lead piping.

Is lead in drinking water regulated?

Yes, the EPA regulates lead through the Lead and Copper Rule section of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The rule requires utilities to test tap water from a sampling of homes in our system area. Lead levels should be below 15 parts per billion (ppb) for 90 percent of the samples tested. Water from Walker County Rural Water has consistently met this EPA standard.

What were the results of Walker County Rural's lead testing?

Per federal regulations, we test homes located throughout our system area to ensure that corrosion control is effective. When testing for lead, 90 percent of all samples tested must be less than the 15 ppb action level (AL). This means that out of every 10 homes samples, nine must be at or below this level. Because our lead levels have remained consistently low, we are only required by EPD to conduct lead sampling once every three years.

Lead Awareness Resources

- EPA Lead & Copper Rule
- EPA Reducing Lead in Drinking Water