



Communication from the Department of
Public Works and the Milwaukee Water
Works relating to lead service lines and
the construction of new homes.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION ON VACANT LOTS

2002 Milwaukee Water Works Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service

- **Water can be supplied through existing water service piping, provided such piping conforms to the current specifications for the water service piping.** *Section 3.2.0 Existing Water Service Piping, 3.2.1: Use of Existing Water Service Piping for New Customers.*
- **Unused lead service piping shall not be connected or reconnected.** *Section 3.2.0: Existing Water Service Piping, 3.2.2: Unused Service Piping.*

2002 Milwaukee Water Works Water Service Piping Specifications

- **Copper piping shall be used in all new water service piping installations** two (2) inches or smaller. *Chapter 2: Materials, Section 2.1.3: Copper Water Service Piping.*
- **Lead piping shall not be used.** *Chapter 2: Materials, Section 2.1.4: Lead Water Service Piping.*

Same language is in 1985 Rules and Regulations and 1982 Water Service Piping Specifications.

Plumbing inspectors verify proper installation and materials.

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- Same language is in 1985 Rules and Regulations and 1982 Water Service Piping Specifications.
- Prior to 1985, reconnection may have been allowed to new buildings; however, it is unlikely based on
 - Noncompliant piping size
 - physical setting of building on property
 - Possible damage to piping
- Revisions have begun on the 2002 documents to reflect MCO Sec 225-22.5, *Lead Service Line Replacement* updates.

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Thank you
Questions?



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