

Lead and Copper Site Tiers*

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Tier level	Type	AW Required Documentation	Documentation Examples	Note Requirements
Tier I	Single family home - Lead service line (company side)	Visual support	Pictures of either pipe excavated via test hole, OR lead pipe visual in a meter box\vault	Explanation of picture(s) location
	Single family home - Lead service line (customer side)	Visual support	Pictures of either pipe excavated via test hole, lead pipe visual in meter box\vault, OR lead line entering through foundation wall for domestic plumbing	Explanation of picture(s) location
	Single family home with copper plumbing with lead solder constructed after 1982 (1983 - 1986**)	Tap card, building permit, etc. to support structure age AND swab test	Document supporting structure built in this time frame, tap card for new service install for example AND results from swab testing from interior plumbing. Minimum three (3) non-consecutive joints swabbed.	Notes of where swabbing occurred
Tier II	Building or multi family with lead service lines (company and/or customer side)	Visual support	Pictures of pipe excavated via test hole, lead pipe visual in meter box, OR lead line stubbing through foundation wall	Explanation of picture(s) location
	Building or multi family with copper plumbing with lead solder constructed after 1982 (1983 - 1986**)	Visual and swab test	Document supporting structure built in this time frame, (tap card for new service install for example) AND results from swab testing from interior plumbing. Minimum three (3) non-consecutive joints swabbed.	Notes of where swabbing occurred
Tier III	For a system where insufficient Tier I OR Tier II are available then utilize single family structures that have copper with lead solder constructed before 1983	Tap card, building permit, etc. to support structure age AND swab test	Tap card for house demonstrating construction before 1983 AND customer survey card and confirmation of copper plumbing. Minimum three (3) non-consecutive joints swabbed.	Notes of where swabbing occurred. Explanation of why no Tier I or Tier II sites are available
Other	For all other systems where <i>insufficient</i> Tier I, Tier II or Tier III sites are available. Use sites with copper plumbing after 1986**	Tap card\survey card	Tap card for house demonstrating construction after 1986** and confirmation of copper pipe	Explanation of why no Tier I, Tier II or Tier III are available

* Based upon EPA interpretations, if your state has more stringent guidelines, please follow state guidance

** In states where lead solder may have been banned after 1986 (1988 for example), such states may use that year