

Dear Netcong Water Customers,

If you have not already submitted your waterline material identification survey, it is now overdue. The Borough Administration is asking that if you have not already submitted your water survey, that you please submit them as soon as possible. The Borough is approaching a deadline from the State to submit an inventory and we are asking your cooperation to help us meet this. Please keep the following things in mind when considering this program:

- 1) This is a State mandated program, and both the Borough and its residents are bound by the will of the law. Regardless of your pipe's composition, the Borough is required to collect the information through any reasonable means, and submit it to the state.
- 2) Submitting this survey for the Borough's inventory comes at no monetary cost to you. There is over \$1 Billion in federal funding and additional state funding grants available to help fund this project. The Borough of Netcong is actively working with Rep. Tom Malinowski's office to procure some of that federal funding, and exploring other grants to fund the replacement of the lead service lines in the Borough. The Borough does not yet have a replacement plan or cost structure for the project, but as of now this project comes at no cost to the residents, so please complete your water survey.
- 3) Refusal to complete your survey, specifically for those with lead or galvanized pipes, creates serious and real health risks. The vast majority of lead exposure in drinking water comes from the infrastructure of the water system, not the water source. While the Borough of Netcong does not currently have any known actionable levels of lead contamination, that does not mean it never will. The longer a lead or galvanized steel line remains a part of a water system, the more the pipes corrode and leak lead into the water that runs through them.

With any questions of concerns about your survey, service line. or anything else relating to P.L. 2021 Ch. 183, please contact Ricky in the Borough Administration at (973) 347-0252 x118 or rproctor@netcong.org.