Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants you to know if your home has lead drinking water pipes.

Lee County Utilities is required by the EPA to complete inspections of private water lines to identify lead and galvanized pipes on private property and create a Lead Service Line inventory. Exposure to lead drinking water pipes has been linked to health impacts. To learn more about the EPA's program entitled Lead and Copper Rule refer to the following website: <u>https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule</u>

After 1981, Building Codes no longer allowed the installation of lead and galvanized service lines for drinking water plumbing. The County has inspected all of its water mains, and no lead lines were identified. The County is also inspecting 32,929 service lines associated with private structures constructed in 1981 and prior. To date 31,539 water meters have been inspected and no lead lines have been identified.

The Lead Service Line inventory is published below. You can also search for your address on the County's Resident Information Tool at <u>Service Line Inventory</u>. As the inventory is completed, new information will be posted. Staff will contact the property owner by mail if lead service lines are identified or suspected to be connected for further investigation.

If you have questions, please refer to the EPA website indicated above, or you can call Lee County Utilities Customer Services at 239-533-8845 or email utilities@leegov.com.