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Water Community Urges Consumers to Identify Lead Service Lines in Their Homes during Drinking Water Week

Horsham, Pa. – Severn Trent – North America, As [Drinking Water Week](#) continues, Severn Trent joins the [American Water Works Association](#) and water professionals across North America in highlighting the importance of identifying lead service lines in consumers' homes.

If consumers live in a home with a lead service line, they may be at risk of exposure. Consumers are encouraged to identify whether or not they have a lead service line by hiring a licensed plumber and, if a lead service line is discovered, talk to the plumber and the local water utility about options for replacing it quickly.

Additionally, AWWA advises customers to have the home's water tested by a certified laboratory that has been recommended by your local utility.

"We are working diligently in educating water utilities and consumers about lead in drinking water," said AWWA Chief Executive Officer David LaFrance. "It's imperative to test and ensure lead service lines aren't in the home, and if they are, to get them replaced quickly."

More information on lead in water can be found on DrinkTap.org.

About Drinking Water Week

For more than 35 years, AWWA and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in our daily lives. Additional information about Drinking Water Week is available on the Drinking Water Week webpage.

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About the American Water Works Association

Established in 1881, the American Water Works Association is the largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water, the world's most

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important resource. With approximately 50,000 members, AWWA provides solutions to improve public health, protect the environment, strengthen the economy and enhance our quality of life.