



**Tri-Town Monthly Report  
To Bristol, Barrington & Warren Town Councils**

**Summary of Notable Activities and Reports  
from the  
September 26, 2024, BCWA Board of Directors Meeting**

For detailed information on any of these subjects presented herein, please go to the BCWA website at [www.bcwari.com](http://www.bcwari.com). Minutes and videos of all Board meetings are archived on the website.

**1. Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project –**

- a. Pawtucket Agreement:** The proposed water supply agreement with the City of Pawtucket, which was approved by the BCWA Board at its last meeting, has been issued to the City for their approval.
- b. Invoice for Reimbursement of Design Costs:** In accordance with our cost sharing agreement with the City of East Providence, a request for reimbursement for the 60% completion of design costs has been forwarded to the City. A previous request at the 30% completion stage was previously submitted to and paid by the City.

**2. Water Treatment Plant Buildings Demolition:** An architectural analysis of the old Station Structure will be the subject of a meeting of the BCWA Properties Committee on October 2nd.

**3. Upper and Lower Kickemuit Dams Removal Project:** Work continues on the final grading of the channel breach and embankments. A meeting with the RI DEM Wetlands group was held during the month to discuss changes to the removal of additional earthen berm to the west of the breach. Work on the Upper Dam removal is expected to be completed this fall. Work on the Lower Dam has been completed.

At the September Board meeting, the BCWA Board approved an amendment to the Pare Corporation contract to provide additional construction phase engineering services associated with this project. These costs will be reimbursed by grant funding. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2024.

**4. 2024 Water Distribution Projects**

- a. Barrington Water Pressure:** In response to a routine tank inspection in the Town of Barrington, BCWA was able to increase water pressure in the Town of Barrington. Additional evaluations continue to be done on the system.
- b. Hope Street Pump Station:** The last system in this project, a chemical feed system, was started up recently. The contractor is currently going through the “punch list” to complete the project. Higher water pressure is now available to the area of Bristol served by the facility.
- c. Hydrant Flushing:** Notices of the flushing have been placed in the local newspapers, on the BCWA website and FaceBook page.

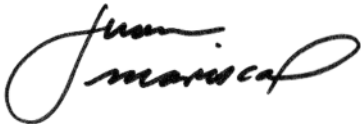
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- i. Barrington - Completed in September;
- ii. Warren - Scheduled to be completed during the week of September 29, 2024;
- iii. Bristol - Flushing will begin the week of September 29 and is scheduled to be completed at the end of the week of October 6.

5. **Water Purchases from Providence Water Supply Board:** Water purchases for the month of August were five percent less than that in August 2023. For the year to date, water purchases are about five percent below the five-year average. The decrease in this year's purchases is attributed to the above average rainfall for this period.
6. **Lead Service Line Replacement Program:** This on-going public health project has two parts: replacement of known BCWA lead-based service connections and replacement of private side lead-based service connections. The BCWA facilities replacement project is on-going. Customers with known lead-based connections have been notified of their service line's situation explaining that the BCWA has a contractor and a no-interest loan program available to its customers to replace the lead service connections. BCWA has identified 2,362 customers for which we do not know the status of their connection. Survey cards were mailed to these customers to assist in the identification of the type of material used in the construction of their home's service line (copper, galvanized steel, plastic or lead). Customers were given guidance on how to do this through a link to a web-based video. Responses to the survey can be done easily on-line. A copy of the survey card is included with this report.
7. **Damages Claim:** On January 8, 2024, BCWA crews responded to an after-hours emergency water main repair in the Town of Barrington which resulted in a shutdown of the water main. At the same time, a customer (the claimant) on the street of the repair called the BCWA offices to inform that they had lost water service. After water service was restored, the claimant indicated that the home's faucets were not working correctly. BCWA staff met with the homeowner and confirmed the issues with the plumbing. The claimant had the fixtures repaired or replaced and forwarded a claim of \$1,761.75 to the BCWA. The BCWA Finance Committee reviewed the claim and the recommendation by the Committee to the Board was to pay the claimant for the damages incurred. The Board of Directors accepted and approved the recommendation to pay the claim.
8. **Next Meeting: 5:00PM, Thursday, October 24, 2024.** BCWA Offices 450 Child Street, Warren.

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Respectfully submitted,



Juan Mariscal, Chairman, BCWA



# Is my Water Service Line made of Lead?

Follow the steps below to locate your Water Service Line Pipe and identify the material it is made from. Then complete our Lead Water Service Line Survey by scanning the QR Code.



## Find Your Water Service Line Pipe.

Your water meter could be located inside your home's basement, crawlspace or garage. The water service line will enter the house a few feet underground through the floor or the foundation wall, before connecting to the water meter. There will be shutoff valves on one or both sides of the water meter.

**Safety First!** - When working in unfamiliar and restrictive spaces, please ensure the area is well lit, wear appropriate clothing, and use head protection in areas with low ceilings.

## Check the pipe material.

The first step is to look at the color. If your water service line pipe is not metal and white, black, or blue in color it is likely plastic.

Next, use a magnet, coin, or key to lightly tap or scratch the pipe and test what it is made from. If after scratching, the pipe is the color of a penny and a magnet does not stick to it, it is likely copper. If after scratching, the pipe is silver gray, not easily scratched, and magnetic, it is likely galvanized steel.

If the pipe is light gray, easily scratched, soft, and not magnetic, you likely have a lead pipe.

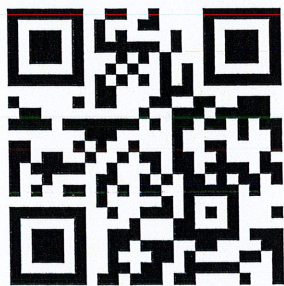
## Submit your Survey!



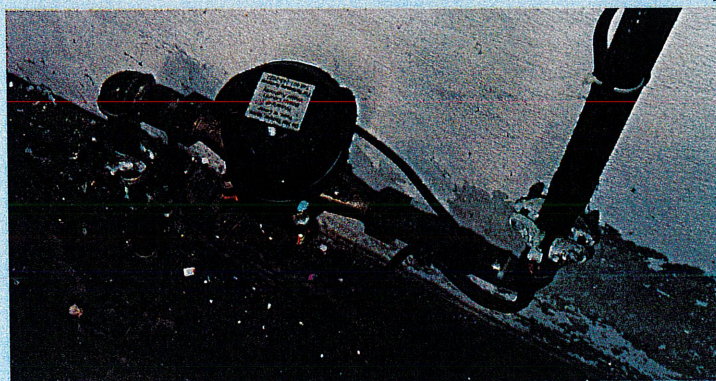
Scan the QR code above to find our Lead Water Service Line Survey, or go to: [www.bcwari.com](http://www.bcwari.com)

Complete the Survey, including 1 or 2 pictures of your service line pipe.

If you cannot locate your service line pipe, please contact Customer Service at 245-2022 to schedule an inspection appointment.



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