



City of Calumet City

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IMPORTANT PROJECT NOTICE

Lead Water Service Replacements

Dear Resident:

Mayor Thaddeus Jones and the City of Calumet City are striving to replace all lead water service pipes in the City over the next several years.

Your home gets drinking water through a small (3/4" – 1") water service line that is attached to the water main in the street and connects to your home at your water meter. If the water service line is determined to be a lead pipe, the City is offering to replace it with a new "lead free" copper line. There will be **NO COST TO YOU** for the replacement of this water service line from the water main to your water meter. However, there may be possible specific items inside or outside your home that might be disturbed to perform this work and will need to be restored at the homeowner's expense. These specific items can be, but not limited to, floorings or wall coverings, carpeting, tile, vinyl/laminate flooring, moldings, drywall, or paneling. The average cost per house to replace this pipe from the water main to your water meter is approximately \$10,000. So, this is a great opportunity for you to get rid of your old lead service line.

The property owner will need to sign a simple agreement granting access to your property to do the work. The new line will be installed by drilling through the ground to minimize disturbances to your home and landscaping. The project includes basic restoration to items such as concrete foundation where the pipe enters the home, landscaping, sidewalk, and roadways.

The City urges you to work with Public Works, the City Engineers (Farnsworth Group, Inc.), and the Contractor (Calumet City Plumbing) to find out more about this project. The City will do its' best to provide additional project details and answer any questions you may have.

The Contractor (Calumet City Plumbing) will be reaching out to you in the next 7-10 days to schedule your survey. **Please review and complete the attached Property Access Agreement Form, sign, and have ready at the time of your property survey. Your participation and the permission to grant access to your property is COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY, but participation is strongly encouraged by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).**

We look forward to your participation in this program.

Sincerely,

The City of Calumet City

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Para traducir este documento en español o si gusta tener más información sobre este proyecto, por favor de contactar a Jose Raya al (708) 326-4000 o jraya@f-w.com.

The attached pages will provide additional information that you may find helpful.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL

Below you will find additional information regarding the health risks of lead, and the best way to mitigate those risks during and following this construction project:

During the process of replacing the lead water service pipe, the lead may be disturbed, and temporarily affect the content of your potable water. We can't know for certain whether or not this particular construction project will adversely affect the lead plumbing (*if any is present*) inside and outside your home. So, we recommend you follow the preventative measures below to reduce your risks:

Run your water to flush the line.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FLUSH ALL INTERIOR PLUMBING BEFORE WATER USE FOLLOWING THE WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT. FLUSHING FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES IS NECESSARY. Also, flush once every two weeks for three months following the water service replacement. Use the following flushing procedure:

- Locate all faucets on all floors in your building (including laundry tubs, hose bibbs, bathtubs, and showers).
- Remove aerators and screens whenever possible (including shower heads) from all faucets to be flushed.
- Run the cold water from the faucets in the basement (or lowest floor) at the highest rate possible. Leave all the faucets running.
- After the faucets are all open on the lowest floor, open the faucets on the next highest floor of the building. Continue until all faucets are open on all floors.
- After all faucets are opened, leave the water running for at least 30 minutes.
- After 30 minutes, turn off the first faucet opened and continue to turn off the other faucets in the same order they were turned on.
- Clean the aerators/screens at each faucet. You may need to replace them if they are too old or worn.

For six months following the water service replacement, **perform a daily mini-flush**. When water sits in the piping for at least six hours before use, flush for five minutes by taking a shower, running the dishwasher, flushing a toilet, collecting water for plants/garden, or running a faucet. Perform this daily mini-flush before using any water for drinking, cooking, or infant formula. Also, during this six-month period, clean debris from aerators/screens.

Use cold water only for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.

Do NOT cook with or drink water from the hot water tap. Do NOT use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.

Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.

You may want to consider purchasing bottled water. A filter certified to remove "total lead" will be provided to you for use during the first three months after replacement.

- *Clean and remove any debris from faucet aerators on a regular basis.*
- *Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.*
- *Purchase lead-free faucets and plumbing components.*

Consider testing your water for lead.

Below are laboratories that have been certified by the Illinois EPA to test for lead. These are just a few labs that are based in Illinois. For a complete and updated list of laboratories, please visit the EPA's website at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/drinking-water/private-well-users/accredited-labs/index>. Laboratories will send you the bottles for sample collection. Please note that we are not affiliated with the laboratories, and they will charge you a fee. If test results indicate a lead level above **15 ug/L** (acceptable level), bottled water should be used by pregnant women, breastfeeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants.

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