

TO: WATERLOO PROPERTY OWNERS
FROM: CLERK/TREASURER
SUBJECT: HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL PRIVATE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
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PRIVATE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - SUMMARY

The property address listed on the top line of the envelope mailing label has been identified as having a lead water service line from the water meter to the outside curb stop. The City of Waterloo has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to offer funding options to expedite the replacement of private lead water service lines improving water quality. This summary and the enclosed program documents are to inform you of this opportunity.

Municipal ordinance #2016-04 requires that private lead water services must be replaced when the adjacent roadway is being reconstructed. **But you don't have to wait.** In order to access program funding follow these steps:

1. GET A QUOTE FROM A PRE-QUALIFIED PLUMBER. Contact at least one pre-qualified plumber and get a quote for replacing your lead water service line from the water meter to the outside curb stop. The list of pre-qualified plumbers is currently small. Help us grow the list by encouraging plumbers to participate in the program. The most current list of pre-qualified plumbers can be found at www.waterloowi.us. Your plumber not on the list? It is easy for them to pre-qualify.
2. SUBMIT AN APPLICATION. If you want funding assistance, submit a completed application and a completed "Essential Addendum" which your plumber needs to sign too. [NOTE: If you don't want funding assistance, contract with a licensed plumber of your choice and simply have the work done by a licensed plumber and inspected by the Building Inspector.]
3. AFTER RECEIVING AN APPLICATION AWARD, SCHEDULE THE WORK AND COMPLETE THE "ESSENTIAL ADDENDUM." The addendum is to be signed by property owner and plumber. It is an add-on to the private contract you'll have with the plumber. It clearly states requirements needed to ensure you get a program funding.
4. PAY THE PLUMBER.
5. SUBMIT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST. Once the plumber is paid and the Building Inspector says the work was done according to code, we'll send you a reimbursement check.

QUESTION: How much funding is available? **ANSWER:** There are four funding options.

- **OPTION #1 (FACILITIES)** -- Licensed day care facilities or K-12 schools are eligible for up to a \$5,000 grant.
- **OPTION #2 (GRANT ONLY)** -- Properties containing a dwelling unit are eligible for a grant not to exceed the cost of replacement or \$950, whichever is less.
- **OPTION #3 (GRANT/LOAN)** -- Properties containing a dwelling unit are eligible for a combination grant and 0% interest loan, not to exceed the cost of replacement or \$2,200, whichever is less. The loan is to be repaid in 3-years or less. Interest penalties will apply for late payment. Annual unpaid amounts to be put on the tax bill. All repaid loan amounts will be dedicated to future lead service replacements.

- **OPTION #4 (GRANT WITH YOUNG CHILD)** – Dwellings with one or more child age six or less are eligible for a grant not to exceed the cost of replacement or \$2,000, whichever is less.

QUESTION: What is the private water service line? This program benefits the private property segment shown below.



QUESTION: Is the water bad? **ANSWER:** Water quality levels as measured by recurring water sampling done by Waterloo Utilities staff indicates there are some houses above the 90th percentile of all the compliance samples collected for lead. To minimize the potential for lead in the water, polyphosphate is added to the water system to coat the mains and services to prevent leaching of lead and copper. By removing all lead water services, polyphosphate will not be needed. You will have greater water quality. For more details, the Utility publishes an annual water quality report which is available at:

http://www.waterlooutilities.com/media/Water_Quality_Rpt_2015.pdf

A printed report is available at the Karl Junginger Memorial Library or the Waterloo Water & Light office.

CONSIDER ACTING NOW: All municipally awarded dollars are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. When funding is exhausted, a waiting list will be maintained and future funding will be drawn only from loan repayments. Department of Natural Resources funding will cease to be available after November 1, 2019. After this date only loan repayment sums will be available.

HAVE A QUESTION? Contact Clerk/Treasurer Mo Hansen, cityhall@waterloowi.us or 920-478-3025.