

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION PACKET

Provided by the City of Ewart

Lead Water Service Management and Improvement Project

September 2018

BACKGROUND

The City has received funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), for a pilot drinking water infrastructure grant. The purpose of the grant is to fund the investigation, future planning and replacement of a small portion of lead service lines.

Figure 1 below shows the water service line and how it connects from private property to the public water supply.

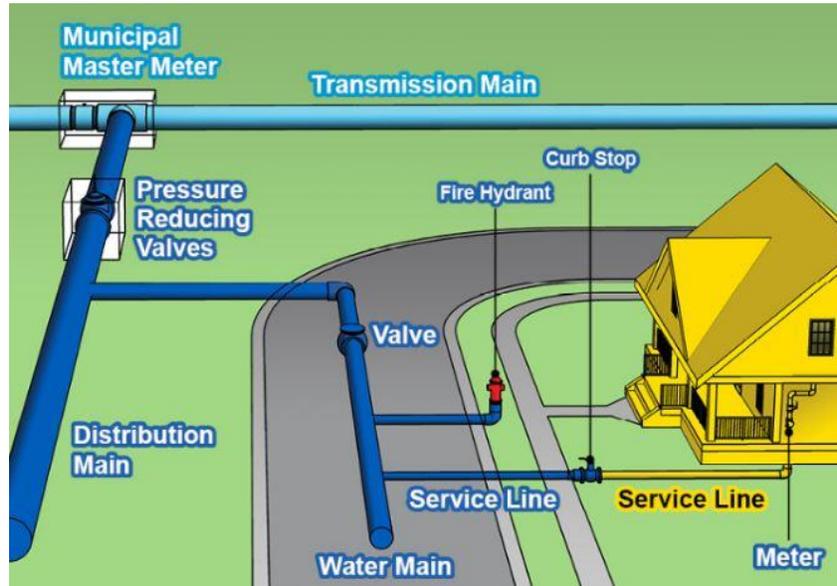


Figure 1. Water Service Connection

CITY ACTION

The City anticipates execution of the MDEQ grant next month and plans to move forward with the work immediately. To achieve this, the City will need cooperation from property owners to gather data, this may involve a small excavation at the property line (as seen below) and an inspection of onsite plumbing. The city and its contractors will restore all areas disturbed by construction with like material.



Attached to this packet you will find the following documents:

- **Lead Service Line Replacement-Service Agreement and Release of Liability** - This agreement between the city and property owner will allow city staff and their contractors to enter private property for the purposes of identifying the material of the existing service lead during the planning stages of the project. The city will restore all areas disturbed by construction with like materials.
- **Lead Service Line Replacement-Refusal and Release of Liability** - This document allows the property owner to acknowledge the new State of Michigan administrative rules, to refuse any lead service line replacement on their private property and to provide a release of liability to the City of Ewart.

HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO ACTION

After you receive this homeowner information packet, you should contact the City (see below for contact information) for questions you may have and schedule a time to sign the lead service line agreement with city staff. **The City of Ewart will be hosting an informational meeting to discuss the Lead Service Line Replacement process at 6:00 pm on October 10, 2018 at the community Train Depot meeting room.**

After all lead service line replacement work is completed, you will have the opportunity to approve of the restoration work if it has been completed to your satisfaction. If the work does not meet your approval, city staff will work with you to address any issues.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The City is anticipating the work to begin in the next month, with the overall project completed the end of May 2019.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

These activities are being funded through a grant from the State of Michigan at 100%. There will be no cost to the property owner. The City of Ewart Lead Service Line Replacement Grant has a limited budget. Therefore, replacements will occur until all grant funding is used up.

CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Ewart can be contacted for additional information at 231-734-2181