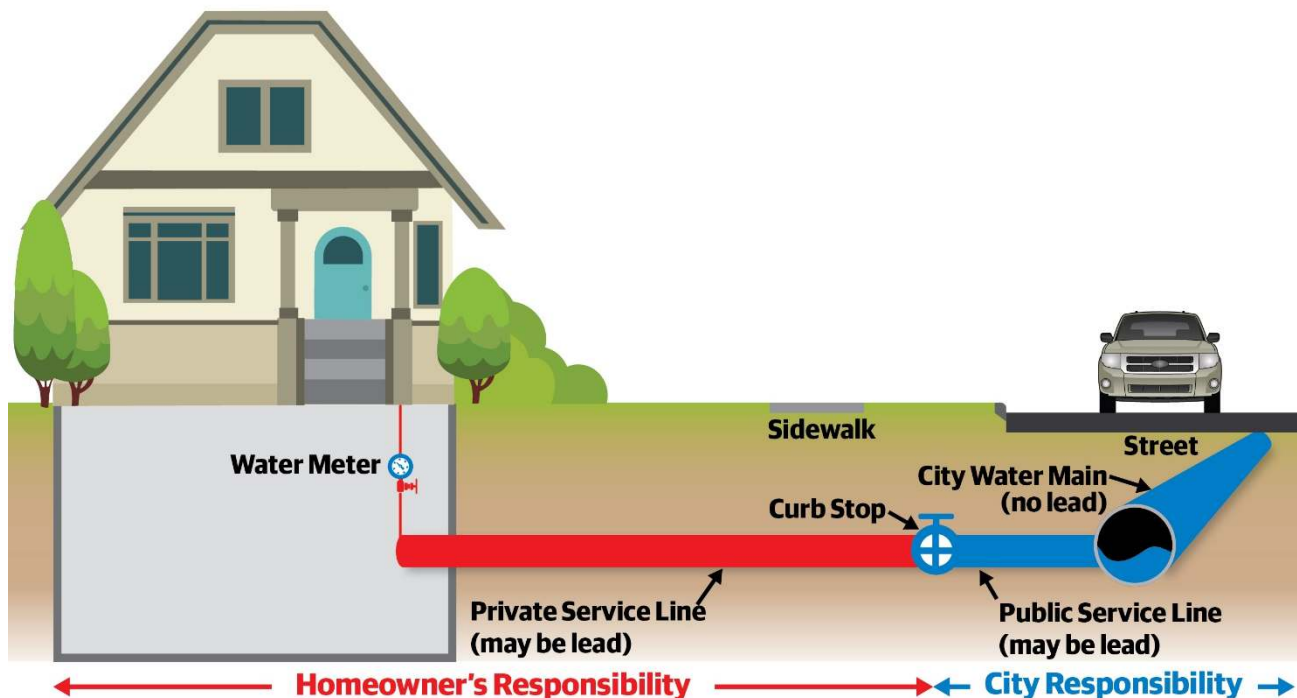




## Lead Service Line Replacement Information for 2024

The purpose of this document is to inform property owners of the potential existence of a lead water service line at your property, the requirements to replace lead water service lines, and a potential City program available to help you replace it. Lead water service lines and home plumbing are potential sources of lead in drinking water. Galvanized steel piping that was downstream of lead piping is also a significant source of lead. Lead is harmful to human health, particularly the health of small children. For this reason, the City of Oshkosh (City) uses corrosion control treatment at the Water Filtration Plant to minimize the potential for lead in the City's drinking water.

As part of a proposed 2024 construction project adjacent to/near your property, the City may replace or perform maintenance on the water main and the City-owned portion of the water service line to your home. The City owns and is responsible for maintaining the water service line up to the curb stop (the first valve) off the water main. For a vast majority of residential properties, the curb stop is typically located in the terrace or in the sidewalk adjacent to the street. The water service line from inside your building out to the curb stop is owned and maintained by the property owner.



Based on available information, the City believes your water service line may be constructed of lead. To determine if your water service line is lead, you may contact a certified plumber or the City's Water Utility at (920) 232-5336. While not an acceptable means of documenting the water service line material, you may perform a self-inspection. To perform the self-inspection, simply take a metal tool, like a coin, and scratch the surface of the pipe protruding from the floor or wall prior to the water meter. If the pipe is easy to scratch and the scratched area is a shiny grey color, the pipe is made of lead. The figure below provides basic guidance for performing a self-inspection:



Recent studies have shown that replacing only a portion of a lead service line can increase the risk of lead exposure from drinking water to the occupants. As a result, the City has implemented policies and procedures to reduce the risk of lead exposure to its residents. The *Municipal Code of the City of Oshkosh* requires full Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR), replacement of both the public and privately-owned lead service lines, within six (6) months of work on a lead water service line.

To minimize exposure to this risk during construction, the City will be providing a pitcher and two (2) filter cartridges, certified for lead removal by NSF International, to each living unit on a parcel with a lead service line replacement, when the entire water service line is not removed all at once. The City has applied for a loan from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to help reduce the cost to private property owners for work in late 2023 and 2024. The LSLR policy describes how the requirements of the Municipal Code are implemented. On January 23, 2018, the Common Council (Council) approved the "Lead Service Line Replacement Policy", which was amended by Council on January 11, 2022. This policy provides guidelines for cost sharing for the private-side LSLR, assuming the City receives funding from the WDNR. Generally, the policy provides a 50% cost share, to a maximum of \$2,000. For income-qualified property owners, the cost share may increase.

As the requirements for reimbursement eligibility continue to evolve, the City will be updating our procedures. Please visit the City's website for additional information, as needed.

The City has published a *Request for Qualifications* for plumbers/utility contractors interested in becoming prequalified to perform private-side LSLR. The list of previously-prequalified plumbers/utility contractors is available on the Water Utility page of the City's website ([www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us](http://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us)). To get to the Water Utility's page, on the home page, click on the pull-

down menu labeled "Government", then click on "Departments", then click on "Public Works", then click on "Water Utility", and then click on "Plumbers/Utility Contractors Prequalified for the Lead Service Lateral Replacement Program". Property owners should attempt to obtain at least two (2) quotations from the plumbers/utility contractors on that list and contract directly with one (1) of the plumber/utility contractors on that list to have the private-side lead water service lateral replacement completed.

The City is encouraging the property owners to complete the private-side LSLR prior to the start of the construction. This will allow the final restoration to occur with the construction project and minimize the chances of damaging the new concrete, restored turf areas, and may save you money.

Additional information about lead in drinking water can be found on the City's web page at <https://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/PublicWorks/WaterUtility.aspx>. Property owners may wish to consider replacement of their building's plumbing (pipe, valves, or fixtures) that contain lead-based materials.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at (920) 236-5065 with any questions regarding lead in drinking water.