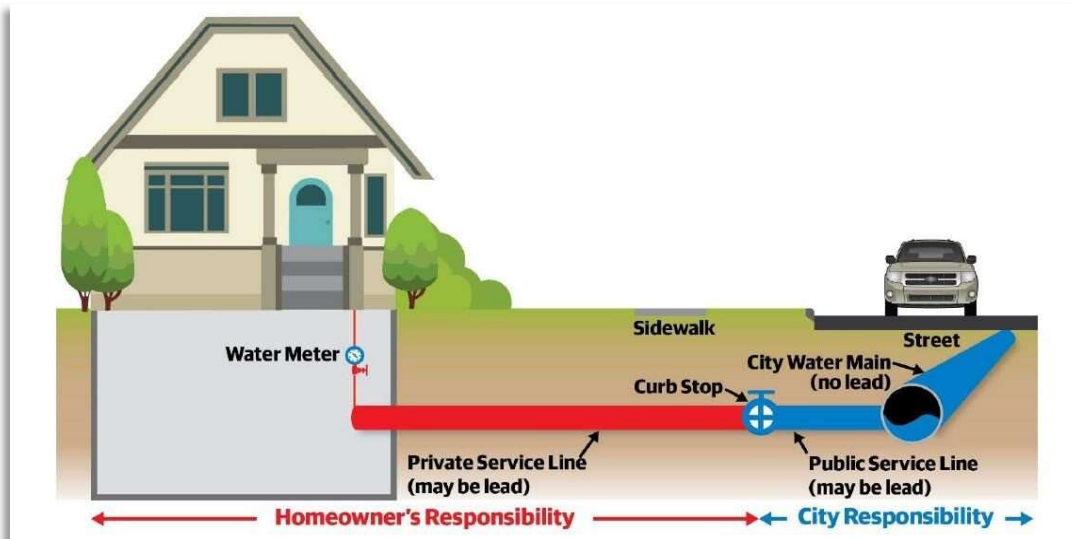


City of Proctor/Proctor Public Utilities Lead Water Service Replacement Fact Sheet



The City of Proctor/Proctor Public Utilities (aka the City) aims to replace all lead water service pipes in its water system. The City will be seeking funding that would pay to replace both public and private water pipes. To be prepared when funding is received, the City is conducting a Lead service inventory to plan for how many replacements will be necessary. City records indicate that it is possible that a portion of the water service to your building is made of lead.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a water service?

A water service is the pipe that brings water from the water main in the street into a building. Every water service is made up of two parts. The first part is owned by the city and is typically under the street and goes to a small valve located near the right of way. The second part is privately owned and runs from the right of way into the building.

Why are some water services made of lead?

Lead was a very common material used for older water services. Most lead water services in Proctor were installed before 1930. Copper is also a very common water service material.

Will the project replace the pipes inside my house?

Plumbing pipes inside the building are privately owned and will not be addressed by the City.

Is my water dangerous?

The water source and treatment for Proctor has not changed. Proctor gets all its drinking water from the City of Duluth which historically has met the EPA requirements regarding lead. However, lead pipes do contribute to lead in drinking water and no amount of lead consumption is considered safe. Exposure from lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups.

Will the City pay to have my water tested for lead?

The City is not conducting water testing at every home that has a lead service to check for lead concentration. If property owners are interested in testing their water for lead, they may contact a testing facility of their choosing.

Where is the funding for the project coming from?

Special funding for lead replacement projects was made available by the federal government through the State of MN and must be applied for annually through the Public Facilities Authority.

When will this work happen?

The City completed an initial city-wide inventory in the fall of 2024. Funding has been applied for to help with the inventory and future replacement work. There is no defined schedule for replacements at this time.

Why is this being done and who can I call with questions?

The Environmental Protection Agency published Lead and Copper Rule Revisions on January 15, 2021, and directed states and systems to comply by the fall of 2024. We completed our initial inventory in 2024 and continue to update our records, as we receive additional information. If you suspect that your building has a lead service or if you have any questions, please contact Proctor Public Utilities at (218) 624-4055.