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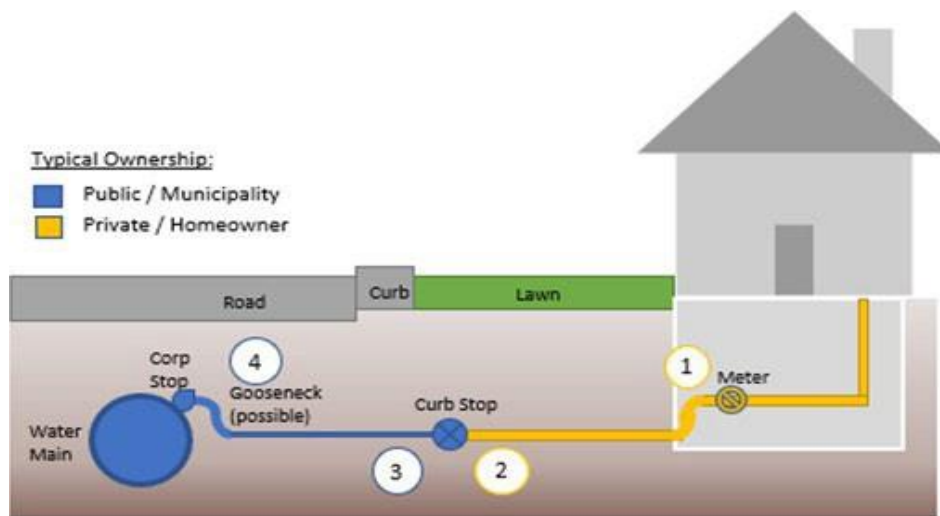
Exterior Water Service Line Verification and Lead Service Line Replacement Program

begins April 22, 2025 thru May 31, 2025

The Charter Township of Union would like to make you aware that recent revisions to the State of Michigan Lead and Copper Rule now require that all municipally owned water supply systems ("Water Systems") in the State of Michigan replace ALL lead water service lines. The mandate has identified several tasks and milestones that need to be completed over the next 20 years to implement the replacements. Below is a synopsis of the steps that need to be taken and the current status for Union Township's Water System. The guidelines directing all this work are from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE):

Current Steps- Final Water Service Line Material Verification:

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requires all water supplies to submit a Complete Distribution Service Materials Inventory (CDSMI). The CDSMI involves physically verifying the material of a statistically sound, uniformly random number of service lines of unknown material. The Charter Township of Union has already verified 20% of its service lines of unknown material, which equates to 94 service lines of the total 466. This project includes the verification of the remaining 80% of service lines of unknown material, which equates to 372. This project includes inspection and verification in accordance with points 2, 3 & 4 illustrated below.



The exterior inspection portion of the program, which requires verification from the water main to the curb stop and from the curb stop to the outside of the home (points 2, 3, and 4 on the provided illustration), will be completed by **National Industrial Maintenance, Inc.** who is under contract with Union Township to complete this work over the next several months. It is anticipated that the work will begin **April 21, 2025 and conclude for the year at the end of May 2025.** To minimize the damage to owners' property Union Township will be utilizing hydro excavation in *at least* two outside locations as illustrated above to verify the service line material whenever possible.

Upon completion of the verification, the Township shall restore the premises as follows:

- All established lawn area that is damaged as a result of the verification will be repaired with topsoil, and seed.
- Trees or other landscaping, if any, will be preserved and protected during the project. Any trees or landscaping damaged due to the project will be restored with standard nursery stock of like or similar species.

Customer's water service is not expected to be impacted by this work as the service line will be exposed and visually inspected. A MISSDIG will be called in for each location prior to hydro excavation to ensure that other utilities in the area are marked. Crews are expected to be in your area completing the verification during the weeks of April 21 – May 31, 2025. Township Ordinance Number 1987-9, Article XI authorizes access to customers property by Township Employees for the purpose of completing this inspection. All this work will be completed outside of the structure, so it is not necessary for the property owner to be present.

Next Steps - Lead Service Line Replacement Program:

The Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program will begin following the completion of the Verification Program. This will allow the Township to better predict the material of the service lines in the remainder of the Township and help the Township best utilize funding for lead service line replacements.

If your home or business is verified or predicted to have a lead service line or lead service line components, the Township will contact you to set up an introductory meeting to verify the in-home service line material and review the next steps in the LSLR process.

Thank you for your time, partnership, and understanding as we complete this important verification work, the goal of which is to minimize potential negative health impacts. Additional information related to the Lead and Copper Rule and lead in your drinking water and are available on EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

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