

RIGHT OF ENTRY AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE WATER PIPE ON MY PROPERTY FOR FREE

Please complete all required fields or the Authorization Form will not be accepted.

Lead in water from lead or lead containing water pipes can be harmful to you and your family and/or residents. DC Water wants to replace lead water pipes because it is a step in lowering your and your family's and/or resident(s) risks of lead exposure, but we need your consent. This Right of Entry Authorization means you agree to allow DC Water and our Contractor to enter your private property to replace your lead water pipes with new copper water pipes for **Free, at No Cost to you**. This Authorization also means you agree to tell DC Water about any **hidden hazards** you know about on your private property that could prevent them from doing the work or harm the people replacing your pipes. **Please Note:** We also recommend you work with a licensed plumber to identify any other sources of lead pipes inside your building and consider removing them as well.

This is what DC Water's Contractor will do (See attached diagram):

1. Turn off the water service to your building for about eight (8) hours;
2. Dig down near the District water main, meter, and at property line and remove/abandon your lead water pipe from the water main in the street, through your building wall or floor, to the pipe connection in your building;
3. Install a new **copper water pipe** from the District water main in street to your building, through the wall where the pipe comes in and connected to the water pipe in your building; and
4. Turn on water, fill holes made, restore area, and flush water from the outside hose connection, if possible.

This is what you should expect:

1. **Contractor will replace the lead water pipe with a copper water pipe at your private property at No Cost to you.** The workers will enter your private property and your building to do the replacement. They will first dig a hole to confirm the material of the water pipe near the property line. Once confirmed, they will follow the steps above, likely on a separate day. They will take photos and video before, during, and after installation.
2. **Contractor will try to leave your private property as close to how it was found or better.** Contractor may need to remove drywall, tiles, walls, fences, shrubs, sidewalks, driveways, stones, sod, flowers, plants or other permanent things on your property. Contractor will clean the interior work areas and do temporary and permanent restoration, that may include, if impacted: installing access panel(s); repairing sheet rock, drywall; spackling; prime and finish painting to match the original color; and resetting and replacing existing tile and cabinetry. The Contractor will clean the exterior work areas and do temporary and permanent restoration, that may include, if impacted: replacing brick, concrete, granite or asphalt curbs, sidewalk, pavement, driveway and retaining wall areas and overlay; and seeding, sodding, and plant replacement. The permanent restoration work will be scheduled at a different time. Contractor will try to avoid trees, shrubs, living plant(s) when possible, but are not responsible for any harm to grass, plants, etc. during the replacement process. DC Water and the Contractors cannot and will not help you move items on your property.
3. **DC Water may not perform this work if:** (1) there are **hidden hazards** that prevent the workers from replacing the pipe; (2) someone else owns the property and the owner **does not agree** to sign this Authorization; (3) You or an authorized person **do not allow** the Contractor to enter your property on the scheduled date; or (4) You or an authorized person are **not home** at the scheduled date and time and fail to reschedule the work.
4. **DC Water will provide a water pitcher that lasts 6 months to you or residents of your property to use after the replacement and instructions for you to follow for flushing your faucets to remove any lead particles.**

Definitions:

1. **Building:** The building that receives water, such as a home, church, day-care center, etc.
2. **Copper Water Pipe:** Pipe made from copper metal used for carrying drinking water.
3. **Contractor:** A person or company hired to do a specific job, like replacing the water pipe.
4. **District Water Main:** A pipe that carries water under the street that water pipes from buildings connect to for water.
5. **Hidden Hazard:** Something that is not easily seen but could be harmful or problematic. Examples of hidden hazards could include an electric or gas line leading to a yard lighting fixture or a buried fuel tank for home heating oil.
6. **Lead Water Pipe:** A pipe made of lead or containing lead that runs underground from the District water main to the first connection in the building to bring water into a building.
7. **Notarized Letter:** A document signed by the property owner and a Notary who confirms the identity of the owner.
8. **Private Property:** The property that you own.
9. **Property Owner/Authorized Person:** Person who owns the property or someone authorized to act for the owner.

Complete, Sign and Submit the Authorization Form:

There are **two** copies of the form. Please fill out (**Authorization and Hidden Hazards**) and sign both copies of the form (below). **Please keep one signed form for your records and submit the other to DC Water.** When we are ready to replace the lead water pipe, DC Water’s Contractor will contact you with scheduling instructions. To submit the Authorization form:

Email a copy to lead@dcwater.com with the subject **“Private Lead Service Line Replacement Project/Name and Address”** or

Mail one signed form to the following address:

Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20032

Authorization (please complete all sections):

_____ I read the Right of Entry Authorization and **AGREE** to allow DC Water and its Contractor on my property to replace the lead water pipe. I or the authorized person will be present during the time the work will be done.

_____ I read the Right of Entry Authorization and **DO NOT** authorize DC Water or its Contractor on my property. I understand that lead exposure can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead can damage the kidneys and brain and has been linked with deficiencies in neurodevelopment. I understand that adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Additionally, I understand that the cutting or other physical disturbance of the lead pipe during service line work causes a spike in lead released into my water. Therefore, although strongly encouraged, I **DO NOT** agree to replace the lead water pipe at the same time as the public replacement. Finally, I am aware that D.C. Law 22-0241 requires the disclosure of the lead water pipe material when my home is sold or rented.

Property Owner/Authorized Person Name: _____ Email: _____

The Authorized Person (resident or other party) **must** submit a notarized letter from the property owner or other legal documentation authorizing them to represent the owner. Please contact LFDC if you have any questions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Property Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____
(if applicable)

Hidden Hazards:

It is very important that you tell DC Water and/or Contractor about any known **hidden hazards** or recent plumbing work on your private property that can prevent the work or injure the workers. Please list them here and if there are none, please write “None”:

For questions or assistance, please contact Lead Free DC at:

(202) 787 - 4044 or lead@dcwater.com