



## RIGHT OF ENTRY AUTHORIZATION DC WATER FREE LEAD WATER PIPE REPLACEMENT

**All required fields must be completed to receive FREE replacement**

Lead in drinking water from lead or lead containing water pipes can be harmful and pose health risks. That's why DC Water is working hard to replace lead water pipes across the District – **FREE at NO COST to YOU** but we need your **CONSENT**. Replacing these lead pipes is a critical step in protecting public health and reducing the risks of lead exposure to you, your family, and/or residents and the community. To move forward, we need your permission. By signing this Right of Entry Authorization, you are agreeing to allow DC Water and our Contractor to enter your private property to perform inspections and replace your lead water pipes with new copper water pipes for **FREE at NO COST to YOU**. DC Water's contractors will also enter your private property to inspect your water pipe at the point of entry and dig test pits, or holes, to confirm your pipe is made of lead. This Authorization also means you agree to meet with the DC Water Contractor to outline the replacement plan and discuss 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 recommend you work with a licensed plumber to identify any other sources of lead pipes inside your building(s) and consider removing them as well.

**This is what DC Water's Contractor will do to replace the lead pipe (see QR Code for more info):**

1. Meet with the owner or representative to outline the replacement plan;
2. Turn off the water service to your building for about eight (8) hours;
3. Dig holes near the District water main, meter, and the property line and remove/abandon your lead water pipe from the water main in the street, through your building wall or floor, to the point of entry where the water pipe connects to your building plumbing;
4. Install a new **copper water pipe** from the District water main in the street to your building, through the wall where the pipe comes in and connect it to the water pipe in your building;
5. Install a pressure-reducing valve (PRV) if pressure at the meter is more than 80 psi to comply with Section 604.8 of the District of Columbia Plumbing Code. Pressure will be set at 75 psi unless requested to be set at a lower pressure; and
6. 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 first confirm the material of the water pipe FREE at No Cost to You.** The Contractor will first dig test pits (holes) near the tree space and property line, which may be in your yard or building line. They may request to enter your building to inspect the pipe at the point of entry to confirm the material of the water pipe. Once confirmed, they will follow the steps above to replace the lead water pipe, likely on a separate day. They will take photos and video before, during, and after installation.
2. **Contractor may need to remove** drywall, tiles, walls, fences, shrubs, sidewalks, driveways, brick, concrete, granite or asphalt curbs, pavement, stones, sod, flowers, plants and other permanent things on your property. Property owner/authorized representative should remove plants and other personal items from the construction area. Contractor will try to avoid disturbing trees, shrubs, and living plant(s) when possible. DC Water and the Contractors cannot and will not help you move items on your property.
3. **Contractor will try to leave your private property as close to how it was found or better.** **Interior Work Areas:** After the work is done, the Contractor will clean up the inside work areas. Contractor will schedule a time for permanent restoration work which 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. **Exterior Work Areas:** After the work is done, the Contractor will clean the exterior work areas, fill holes made and make the area safe. The Contractor will also do temporary restoration that may include if impacted: replacing the disturbed area with like material or temporary asphalt; disturbed grassy areas will be temporarily refilled with dirt. The Contractor will do permanent exterior restoration work including if impacted: replacing impacted brick, concrete, granite or asphalt curbs, sidewalk, pavement, driveway and retaining wall areas and overlay. Permanent restoration will also include seeding, sodding, and plant replacement. The permanent restoration work will be scheduled at a different time. Permanent restoration will be scheduled when work on the entire block is completed.
4. **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.
5. **DC Water will provide one (1) water pitcher and (1) filter that lasts 6 months for you or each unit in your property to use after the replacement and instructions for you and tenant(s) to follow for flushing your faucets to remove any lead particles.**

**Definitions:**

1. **Building:** The building that receives water, such as a home, church, child development facility, 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.
10. **Test Pit:** A 4 ft by 4 ft hole used to examine the pipe material while avoiding disturbance to landscaping and personal items.

**Complete, Sign and Submit the Authorization Form:**

Please fill out (**Authorization** and **Hidden Hazards**) and sign below. DC Water and its Contractor will **NOT** replace the lead water pipe for **FREE** unless this authorization is signed. **Complete attachment if authorization is for more than three properties.** 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](mailto:lead@dcwater.com) with the subject "**Private Lead Service Line Replacement Project/Name and Address**" or Mail signed form to the following address:

DC Water - Private LSL Replacement Project  
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW, COF Bldg., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20032

**Authorization (Select only one):**

I read the Right of Entry Authorization and **AGREE** to allow DC Water and its Contractor on my property(s) listed below to replace the lead water pipe **FREE at NO COST to Me**. 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 AGREE** to allow DC Water or its Contractor on my property(s). 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. 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. **I understand that DC Water may still dig one or two test pits on public property that is near my property line to confirm the material of the water pipe, which may impact my yard, driveway or landscaping.**

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 such as a property management agreement authorizing them to represent the owner. Please contact Lead Free DC if you have any questions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

**Additional Property Addresses:**  
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**Attached Multiple Property Address List if more than three (3) properties**

**Hidden Hazards:**

It is **very important** that you tell DC Water and/or Contractor about any known **hidden hazards** (see definition above) 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":  
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For questions or assistance, please contact Lead Free DC at:

(202) 787 - 4044 or [lead@dcwater.com](mailto:lead@dcwater.com)

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## Attachment – Multiple Property Address List

If you own multiple properties in the District of Columbia and would like to authorize FREE, no cost lead service line replacement for all of your properties with one Right of Entry Authorization Form, please fill out this form and submit it with your Right of Entry Authorization Form.

Please provide contact information for each property if the on-site or main contact are different than the contact information provided on page two of the Right of Entry Authorization Form.

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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