

**ATTENTION RESIDENT:**  
**OUR RECORDS**  
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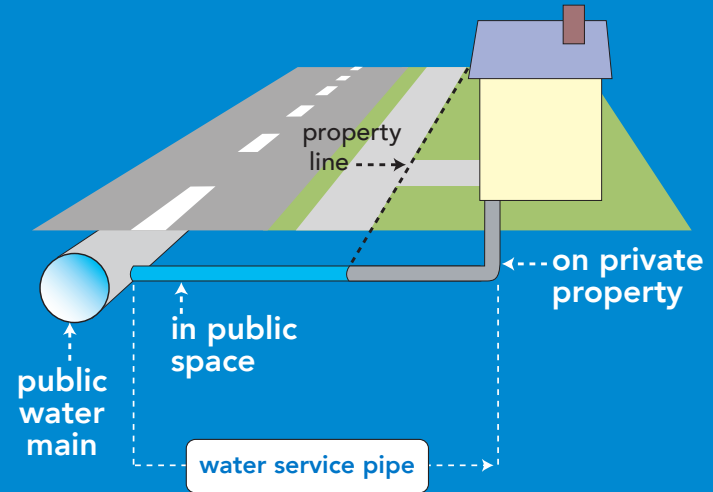
**LEAD PIPES**

**ON YOUR**  
**PROPERTY**

A service pipe connects the water main in the street to your household plumbing and is owned in its entirety by the property owner.

DC Water encourages the full replacement of lead service pipes in public space and on private property through our voluntary lead service pipe replacement program.

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER SERVICE PIPE**



### **Why replace my lead service pipe?**

Lead can be released when water comes in contact with pipes that contain lead. If present, elevated lead levels can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

### **How do I replace my lead service pipe?**

DC Water will replace the public portion of your lead service pipe at no cost to you, if the homeowner pays for replacement on private property. You may use DC Water's contractors or your own professionals for work on private property. DC Water will coordinate and replace the portion in public space at the same time.

### **What construction work is required?**

Crews will shut the water off to your home for approximately 4-6 hours. Crews will excavate holes approximately 4 ft. by 6 ft. in the street, in the tree space (area between the sidewalk and the curb), and in the yard at the property line. Most work is completed within one day.

### **How much will it cost?**

The cost of lead service pipe replacement on private property varies from home to home and is negotiated between the property owner and the contractor.

On average, replacement costs \$720 to bore a hole for the new pipe through the basement wall, and \$120 per foot from the house wall to the property line.

The property line of many homes in the District is at the house front wall, in which case the cost will only be for boring the hole and bringing the new pipe inside the home.

### **Sign me up! Who should I contact?**

Email [lead@dcwater.com](mailto:lead@dcwater.com) with your name, address, and contact information.

Or, call Customer Service at **202-354-3600** and tell them you are interested in the lead service line replacement program.

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