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MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE BY FEBRUARY 29, 2024

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Village of Broadview Water Customers,

The Village of Broadview receives drinking water from Lake Michigan and pumps it to residents through the Village's water distribution system. Here is an example of how your home's water service line connects to the Village's water mains:



Recent State of Illinois regulations require the Village to make an inventory of, and develop a replacement program for, lead water service lines owned by the Village and private property owners.

It is important to note that [Broadview's water meets the Environmental Protection Agency's \(EPA\) lead level requirements](#). Some of the pipes that connect older homes to the Village's water system are made from lead. Lead services lines are a health concern because they can be a source of lead in tap water. Lead can be harmful to humans when ingested or inhaled and has been shown to cause delays in physical and mental development. Lead enters drinking water primarily because of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in private water service lines and household plumbing.

The Village of Broadview is committed to maintaining its public services through safe practices and proper equipment. As part of this commitment, and in response to the State of Illinois' Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act, the Village is implementing its Lead Service Line Replacement Program to identify and replace lead service lines in our community.

The Program's first step is identifying the total number of private lead service lines in the community. To do so, **the Village needs your help.**

There are two initial ways to log the material of your water service.

1. Homeowner Survey

The survey will only take a few minutes and ask you to identify your home's water meter service line material and location in a few easy steps. All you will need to determine the material type is a refrigerator magnet, screwdriver, and coin. Pipes can be made of lead, galvanized steel, copper, ductile iron, or brass. Lead, galvanized steel, and copper are the most common material types.



Figure 1: from DC Water

We would request that you email your results, name, and address to water@broadview-il.gov

If you will be unable to complete a self-assessment or need assistance, you will be able to request a:

2. Free Village Inspection

The Village of Broadview will need to schedule a brief, but important 10-minute home inspection to determine if your home has a lead service lines. In-home inspections will begin immediately and be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Every Saturday from January 27, 2024 until February 24, 2024 the Public Works Department will complete inspections by appointment only. Please call (708) 681-3602 to schedule your appointment.

For the households that must have an in-person inspection, it is important to know that inspectors will require access *inside* of your residence, as most water meters are in the interior of buildings. The Village will work to make the at-home inspection process as convenient and safe as possible for residents. Inspectors will carry an official identification badge and wear a face mask upon resident request.

Following completion of the lead service line inventory, the Village will develop a comprehensive lead service line replacement program

The Village greatly appreciates your cooperation in making this project a success. For general project information, please reach out to Broadview Public Works.


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