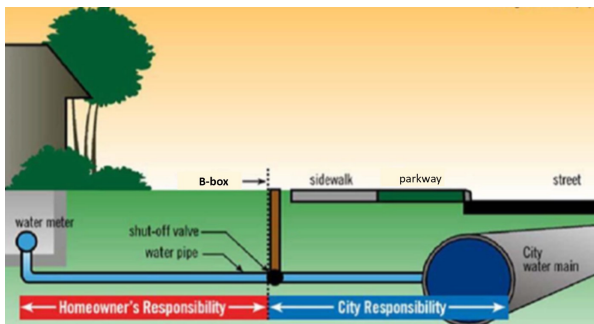




What are we doing?

The City of Joliet offers a full water service line replacement program at no cost to property owners whose water service line is determined to be lead. If the private portion is not lead, the City will replace the public portion. Per the ordinances of the City of Joliet, the City owns the portion of the water service that extends from the water main to the exterior shut-off valve (b-box). The remaining portion of the lead water service extending from the b-box into the home is owned by the homeowner. Currently, the City will replace both the public portion and private portion of the lead water service with a new 1" copper water service **at no cost to the homeowner**. The estimated value of this work is \$7,000 - \$10,000. The City has retained an on-call contractor to complete this work. **Please contact the Department of Public Utilities at 815-724-4220 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for a water service material inspection and discuss the water service replacement program in more detail.** Property owners who choose not to allow the City to replace the lead water service line will be required to sign off on documentation stating water service replacement was offered at no cost.



Find out more Information about Lead

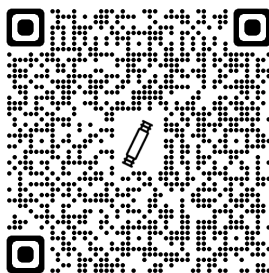
For more information, call us at 815-724-4220 or visit our website at www.joliet.gov/GetTheLeadOut

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home or building and the health effects of lead, visit the EPA's Website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact the Will County Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 815-727-8830.

All Lead Water Service Information is available on the City of Joliet website at:

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Important information about your drinking water



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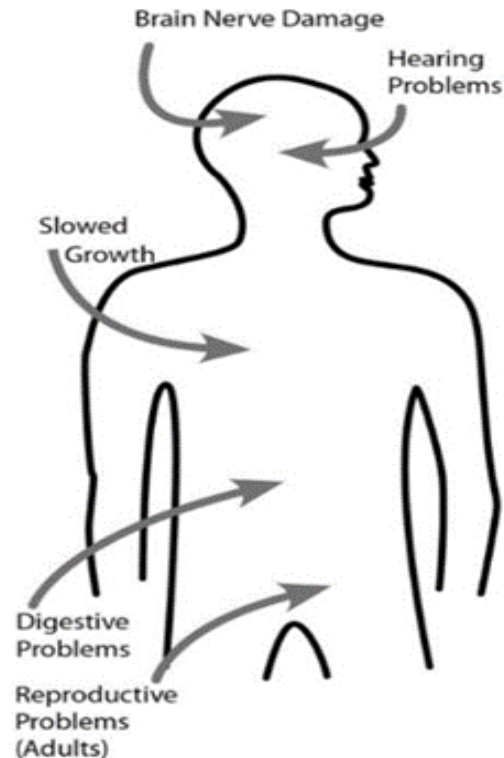
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Joliet has completed a repair on your water service line and confirmed that your home is serviced by a lead water service line. Per the Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), public water agencies must notify the property owner when a lead water service line is disturbed. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this information closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

Health Effects of Lead

- ◆ Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body.
- ◆ The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected more than healthy adults.



Lead in Drinking Water

While paint, dust, and soil are the most common sources of lead exposure, lead can also be found in some water service pipes. Lead is not present in the City of Joliet's source water (groundwater from deep and shallow aquifers). However, lead can enter drinking water through the corrosion of plumbing materials. While the City banned the use of lead as a plumbing material in the mid 1940s, homes built prior to 1940 may have lead water service lines. Since 1995, the City of Joliet has been adding blended phosphates to the source water at the drinking water treatment plants for corrosion control. This treatment coats household plumbing and reduces lead from entering the drinking water. The City regularly tests for lead in the drinking water at a selected number of locations. The EPA requires tested levels be below 15 parts per billion. The most recent sampling period was during the second half of 2023 and the 90th percentile value was 5.515 ppb which meets EPA requirements.



Testing your Water for Lead

The City is required to collect representative water samples for each disturbed lead service line and report the samples to the property owner. Testing for lead can help you know if there is too much lead in your drinking water. Water testing is important because you cannot see, taste, or smell lead. The City of Joliet will complete the testing at no cost to the homeowners. Please call 815-724-3675 to schedule water sampling. Homeowners who do not complete water sampling will be required to sign a lead sampling refusal form.

Steps you can take to Reduce Lead in Your Drinking Water

If a water test shows that the drinking water in your home contains high lead levels, take the following precautions:



Let it Run

Let your water run for at least 3-5 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking. Do this anytime the water has not been turned on for more than six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer.



Use Cold Water

When drinking, cooking, or making baby formula use cold tap water. Never use hot water for preparing baby food. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water. Boiling water does NOT remove lead from water.



Replace Plumbing Fixtures

If a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run, you may want to take extra precautions.



Treat Your Water

Contact the City at 815-724-4220 to receive a free home treatment tool. A Point-of-use (POU) water pitcher specifically made to reduce lead will be provided with two cartridges. This pitcher should be utilized for drinking water until water testing is completed and the lead service line is replaced.