



Dear Lodi Water Customer,

The Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) through its Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) will be working with your community to inventory water service Lines. This inspection will require access to your water meter (most likely located in your basement) and will only last about 5-10 minutes. To make the process simple and easy, please locate your water meter within your home, and clear a path to it if necessary. These inspections will help your community maintain compliance with state lead mapping requirements. Not every home in your community will be inspected. This notification is being sent to target areas for inspection. The information we collect can be used to apply for grant funding to replace water service lines, and the results of these inspections will be shared with your local water department.

RCAP is a non-profit technical service provider for the water utility industry on rural areas. In addition to many other services, RCAP has assisted in created lead mapping documents in the past and is looking to help your local water department improve its existing. Several communities are receiving this service during the summer of 2021 to update their lead maps for the upcoming spring 2022 revision deadline. This project is funded by Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding at no cost to homeowners or the public water system. You can expect for us to make a site visit during the months of July and August. We will be going door-to-door to schedule an appointment with you, and you are encouraged to fill out the attached scheduling sheet and return it in the preaddressed and stamped envelope. Participation is voluntary and you can use the self-check provided to make an educated guess as to what type of service line you have.

Thank you,

*The Service Line Inspection Team of RCAP*



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q – What is the purpose of this inspection project?**

A - We are here to help your community create an inventory of service line information. We will use this information to update existing mapping and assess need for future replacement projects. This information may be used to apply for grant funding for service line replacement. Some homeowners may qualify for service line replacement at no cost.

**Q - What are service lines?**

A – Service lines connect your home to the main waterline in your neighborhood. Main lines move water to you from the water treatment plant. The service line is owned and maintained by the public water system up to the curb stop valve (the shutoff valve often found in front yards). The remainder of the service line is private property, as is interior plumbing.

**Q – What are lead service lines?**

A - Lead service lines are water pipes that are made of lead. These were very common in the early 1900's because lead was cheaper to manufacture and more malleable than other materials. Lead pipes were banned from use in 1986, but many of these pipes are still in service today.

**Q – What happens if I have a lead service line?**

A – Lead pipe is obsolete and carries potential for health hazards. Not all lead service lines pose immediate health hazards, but all lead pipes carry potential for negative health effects. Removal of privately owned lead piping is highly recommended.

**Q – Does this inspection have a cost?**

A – No, this is at no cost to you as home or business owner. This project has been fully funded by Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding.

**Q – How long does this inspection take? What does it entail?**

A – This inspection usually takes about five to ten minutes. It includes a scratch test to identify the materials used. Common service line materials include copper, galvanized steel, plastic, and lead.

**Q – Am I required to complete this inspection by a certain date?**

A – Participation is voluntary and may help in acquiring future grant funding for infrastructure improvements. All inspections will be completed by the end of August, 2021.

***Have more questions? Contact GLCAP Staff and/ or your Water Department.***

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