



# Village News

A white silhouette of a water tap with a single drop of water falling from it, set against a background of overlapping blue circles of various sizes.

**LEAD SERVICE LINE  
PUBLIC INFORMATION  
MEETING**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10  
6:30 p.m. at Village Hall  
418 Main Street  
Village Hall Board Room

## **SPECIAL REPORT** **ALL THINGS WATER**

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JULY 2023

**Important Information Regarding**  
*Lead Service Line Replacement Program*  
*New Water & Sewer Rate Structure*

# HOW DO I KNOW IF MY HOUSE OR BUILDING HAS A LEAD SERVICE LINE?

*Please Read & Follow the Steps Below and Submit Your Results to the Village*

## Lead Service Line Replacement Program

The Village of Lemont has begun our Lead Service Line Replacement Program as mandated by the State of Illinois. The Lead Service Line Notification Act (Public Act 102-0613) mandates that all public water suppliers in Illinois create a comprehensive water service line inventory for all properties supplied with water in the community. To meet this mandate, the Village of Lemont needs your help collecting information on the material of the water service line in your house or building. Water service lines are the pipes along your property that run from the Village's watermain to the water meter inside your home or building. Common water service line materials found in homes and buildings include copper, lead, galvanized steel, and plastic. Congress banned the use of lead service line pipes in 1986 to protect public health. **However, if your house or building was built before 1986, your water service line may be made out of lead.** Please also note that plumbing products sold between 1986 and 2014 were still allowed to contain up to 8% of lead content by weight. Therefore, there is still potential for your plumbing to have lead if your house was constructed between 1986 and 2014.

To identify the material of your water service line, please follow the step-by-step instructions below. Alternatively, you can contact a licensed plumber to identify the material for you. Once you know the material of your water service line, please fill out the questionnaire to report your results to the Village of Lemont (see Step 5 of the instructions below). **Learn more at [www.lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement](http://www.lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement).**

**Filling out the questionnaire is especially required if your house was built before 1986. If you are not sure when your house was built, we strongly encourage you to fill out the questionnaire to verify the material of your water service line.**

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **If you do not receive a water bill from the Village of Lemont, you are not connected to the Village's water supply distribution system.**
- **This does not apply to homes, buildings, or subdivisions that have a private well.**
- **This does not apply to homes or businesses located in unincorporated Lemont.**
- **If you are a home or building renter/lessee, please notify the owner/lessor of this information if the home or building was built before 1986.**

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 418 Main Street, Village Hall Board Room**

A Public Informational Meeting will be held to further inform residents and building owners of the survey, why the project is being done, to explain the survey questions that are being asked, and to answer any questions residents or building owners may have.

## Initial Steps for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Due to the reporting requirements to the IEPA, **please complete Step 1 and 2 by August 15, 2023, if your home or building was built before 1986.**

**STEP 1:** The first step of the Lead Service Line Replacement Program is for residents to determine whether or not they have lead pipes in their home or building. The following section will help you identify what type of pipes you have. Please read the entire instructions before you begin.

**STEP 2:** Once you have identified what type of pipes you have in your home or building, complete the questionnaire. Alternatively, you can contact a licensed plumber to identify the material for you. You can access the questionnaire link located at <https://www.lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement> or use the QR Code above.

**STEP 3:** After residents have completed the questionnaire, the inventory is compiled. The Village is required to submit a Project Plan Report to the IEPA no later than September 2023. The Village will then estimate the total cost of the project, which will be absorbed by the Village of Lemont, and determine a timeline for replacement. Please attend our Public Information Meeting to hear more about the project and to get your questions answered.

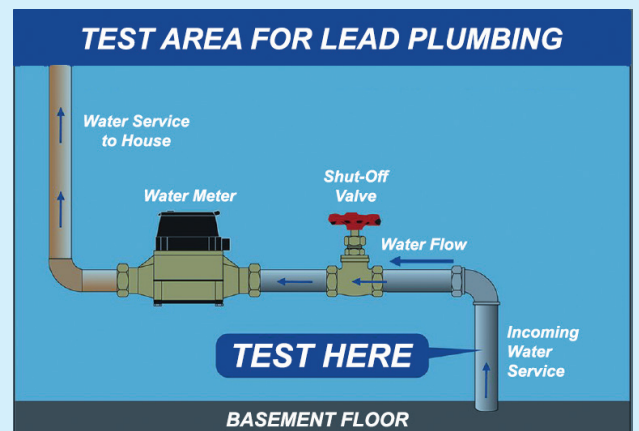
If you have any further questions, please contact the following Public Works Department employees:

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Direct Line 630-754-4147 | Email [bwojciechowski@lemont.il.us](mailto:bwojciechowski@lemont.il.us)
- **Jerry Turrise**  
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## Materials Needed for Testing: Strong Magnet, a Coin, and Flathead Screwdriver

1. **Find the water service line entering the building.** If you have a basement, the water service line will typically enter the building through the basement floor or the basement side wall. If you don't have a basement, the service line should enter the building through the floor on the main level. You will see a shut-off valve and water meter installed on this pipe. The testing location on the pipe will be between the entry point into the building and the shut-off valve.
2. **Scratch Test:** Scratch the outer surface of the pipe with a coin or flathead screwdriver. Be very careful not to puncture a hole in the pipe and do not use sharp objects for this test.
3. **Magnet Test:** Place a magnet on the pipe to check if it sticks to the pipe.
4. **Tapping Test:** Tap the pipe with a coin and listen to the sound it makes.
5. **Compare the results of your test with the guidelines shown on page 3.** Submit your results to the questionnaire link located at: [www.lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement](http://www.lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement) or use the QR Code above.

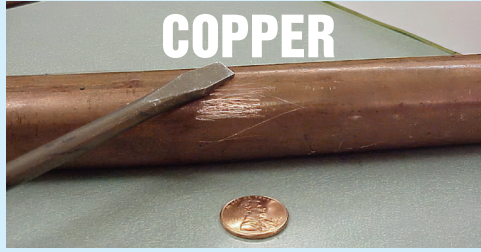


## MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES:



Your Service Line is **LEAD** if:

- Scratch Test:** The scratched area is shiny and silver.
- Magnet Test:** The magnet does not stick.
- Tapping Test:** You hear a dull noise while tapping the coin.



Your Service Line is **COPPER** if:

- Scratch Test:** The scratched area is copper in color like a penny.
- Magnet Test:** The magnet does not stick.
- Tapping Test:** You hear a metallic ringing noise while tapping the coin.



Your Service Line is **GALVANIZED STEEL** if:

- Scratch Test:** The scratched area remains a dull gray.
- Magnet Test:** The magnet sticks.
- Tapping Test:** You hear a metallic ringing noise while tapping the coin.

Visit our webpage for further information regarding lead pipes, including, *Lead Service Line Concerns, How to Reduce Exposure to Lead, and several additional resources at, [www.lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement](http://www.lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement).*



## NEW WATER RATE STRUCTURE & SERVICE FEES

### New Water Rate Structure

The Village of Lemont included information in our Summer-Fall 2023 newsletter regarding our local water and sewer system and structure and rate changes. The Village retained HR Green, a professional engineering firm, to assist us in conducting a water and sewer rate study to make sure that the water and sewer fund remains financially healthy and is sufficient through user fees (rates). For reference, view the Summer-Fall newsletter at [www.lemont.il.us/home/showpublisheddocument/4436](http://www.lemont.il.us/home/showpublisheddocument/4436) along with the landing page we created for the water studies at [www.lemont.il.us/water-studies](http://www.lemont.il.us/water-studies).

The rates are being restructured to meet the following objectives:

1. Promote water conservation to meet the permit conditions established by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to maintain the Lake Michigan Water Allocation.
2. Determine the revenue needed to cover the costs of operations, annual debt service, and capital improvements while meeting the following financial criteria: (a) Meet the debt covenant requirement; (b) Maintain a 3-month operating expenditure reserve; and (c) Maintain a positive cash balance.
3. Reduce the financial burden on senior citizens for essential water.

### New Water Service Fees

The Village selected a residential tiered rate structure to promote water conservation, a bimonthly base fee, and a single water/sewer rate for commercial users. Additionally, senior citizens would have a 50% discount on the bimonthly water and sewer base fees as well as a 50% discount on the water and sewer rates for the first 4,000 gallons used bimonthly. Senior citizens would pay the regular rates for water use above 4,000 gallons bimonthly.

**The new rate structure, shown on page 4, goes into effect on October 1, 2023.**

For comparison purposes, below is the Village of Lemont's current water and sewer fees:

EXISTING WATER AND SEWER FEES		
Type of Charge	Regular Fee	Senior Citizen Fee
<b>Current Water Service Fees</b>		
Minimum Charge (4,000 gallons)	\$45.57	\$22.80
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$8.05	\$4.02
<b>Current Sewer Fees</b>		
Residential – Flat Rate	\$40	\$20.00
Commercial	\$40 for first 20,000 gallons and \$0.25 / 1,000 gallons thereafter	N/A



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PERMIT NO. 89

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Postal Customer  
Lemont, IL 60439

## NEW WATER & SEWER RATE STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

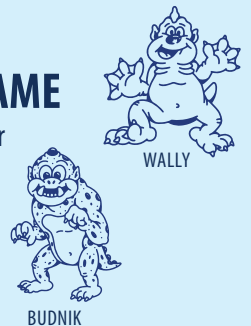
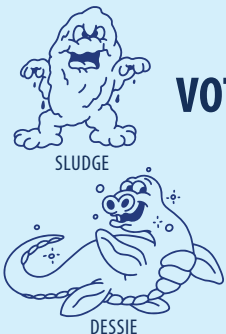
New Water Rate Structure Effective October 1, 2023		New Sewer Rate Structure Effective October 1, 2023	
<b>Non-Residential Bimonthly Fees</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>Non-Residential Bimonthly Fees</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
Base Fee (\$)	\$18.44	Base Fee (\$)	\$13.62
Water Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$8.23	Water Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$2.41
<b>Residential Bimonthly Fees: Regular User</b>		<b>Residential Bimonthly Fees: Regular User</b>	
Base Fee (\$)	\$18.44	Base Fee (\$)	\$13.62
0 - 4,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$8.23	0 - 4,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$2.41
4,001 - 8,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$10.29	4,001 - 8,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$3.01
8,001 - 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$12.86	8,001 - 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$3.77
Greater than 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$16.07	Greater than 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$4.71
<b>Residential Bimonthly Fees: Senior Citizens</b>		<b>Residential Bimonthly Fees: Senior Citizens</b>	
Base Fee (\$)	\$9.22	Base Fee (\$)	\$6.81
0 - 4,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$4.11	0 - 4,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$1.20
4,001 - 8,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$10.29	4,001 - 8,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$3.01
8,001 - 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$12.86	8,001 - 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$3.77
Greater than 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$16.07	Greater than 12,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$4.71

### COMING SOON

## VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE STREET SWEEPER LEMONTSTER AND NAME

The Village of Lemont is committed to effective and sustainable solutions that reduce stormwater and air pollution. Keep an eye out for our upcoming POLCO survey to vote for your favorite Lemontster and name for our new street sweeper that is arriving this fall!

If you are not yet signed up to our POLCO survey program, you can create an account and will receive an email notification when the survey is posted. Visit <https://polco.us/lemont>.



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