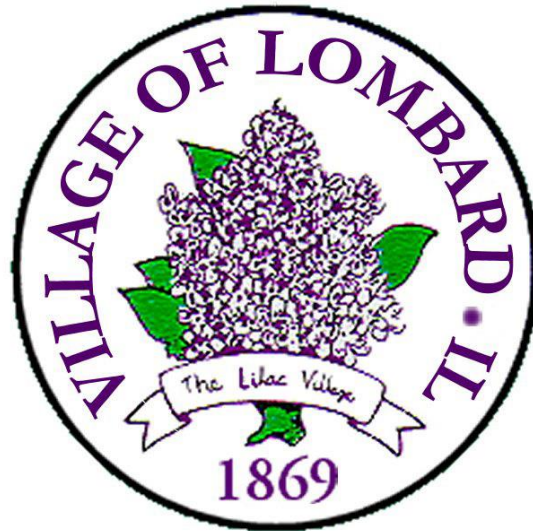


# Village of Lombard



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## **LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

(VILLAGE COST SHARING – 75% of ELIGIBLE PREAPPROVED COSTS)

### **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM COST SHARING PROGRAM:**

Lead is generally not present in source water, but can be present in tap water through corrosion of the water service pipe and plumbing materials that are made of lead. Homes that were built before 1970 most likely have lead service lines, or that have internal plumbing and fixtures that contain lead. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Section 1417 (a)(1) required that after June 19, 1986 only “lead-free” pipe, solder, or flux shall be used for the installation or repair of any plumbing in residential or non-residential properties providing water for human consumption, which is connected to a public water supply. Financial assistance in the form of a reimbursement up to \$5,000 per water service towards the cost of the replacement of the property owner’s private lead water service.

# **LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

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# **Lead Water Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program**

## **What is it?**

The Lead Service Line Replacement Program was established to provide financial assistance to homeowners who desire to replace their lead water service line to reduce the exposure to lead and to mitigate the risk of consuming water that may contain lead. Eligible homeowners may qualify for a 75% reimbursement to install a new water service line of approved materials as stated in the Illinois State Plumbing Code and in accordance to the Village of Lombard Lead Abatement in Potable Water SOP #UU-08.

## **What is a Lead Service Line and how do I know if I have one?**

A lead service line is the pipe that provides drinking water to your home from the water main in the Village right-of-way. Lead service lines are generally a dull gray in color and are very soft and can be identified easily by carefully scratching with a key or other object. If the pipe is made of lead, the area you scratched will turn bright silver in color. Do not use a knife or other sharp instrument as you may puncture a hole in the pipe. Lead service lines may be connected to your home's plumbing as it enters the building using solder and have a typical "bulb" at the end near the shut off valve. You can contact a licensed plumber to inspect your water service line if you are not sure.

## **What is a Private Lead Water Service?**

It is the portion of the water service running from the curb stop (valve) in the Village right-of-way up to the water meter inside the building that is substantially composed of lead.

## **Why Should I Replace my Lead Service?**

Lead is generally not present in source water, but can be present in tap water through corrosion of the water service pipe and plumbing materials that are made of lead. The effect of lead in drinking water is a particular concern for pregnant women and children under 6 years old, because lead can affect a child's neurological development. It's recommended that people with lead water service pipes flush their tap water for at least five minutes twice a day. However, water flushing is not ideal since it is a waste of drinking water (1,000 gallons per month) and can also become expensive. The use of filters or buying bottled water for drinking and cooking can also become costly and may not be a feasible permanent solution.

## **Am I eligible for the reimbursement if my service line is not made of lead?**

Yes. The reimbursement can be utilized toward the replacement of private water services that are substantially composed of lead or if the private portion of the water service is composed of galvanized or iron pipe that is connected to a lead water line in the public right-of-way. Copper and other water service materials do not apply.

## **Who is eligible and what are the average costs?**

Property owners of residential property within the Village can qualify for the program if the following criteria are met:

1. Must have a Village confirmed qualifying water service.
2. Must receive water from the Village of Lombard.
3. Must not have commenced replacement of private lead water service prior to reimbursement approval by the Village.
4. Have current and paid property taxes at the time of application for the reimbursement.
5. Must not be delinquent in any fees or payments to the Village of Lombard.
6. Complete a pre-construction lead water sample

The cost of lead service line replacement is site specific. Actual cost of replacement reflects a number of factors including the size and length of the service line, the technique used for installation, and pre-existing conditions (i.e. accessibility, finished basements, etc.). Typical service line replacement costs can range \$75 - \$125 per linear foot or \$3,500 to \$7,000 depending on length of the service line.

Pre and post construction water samples are required to be eligible for the program and to receive the reimbursement. The samples are at no cost to the resident and sample kits will be shipped directly to the property for collection by the property owner/tenant.

### **Eligible costs are as follows:**

- Cost of location, excavation and exposure of the private lead water service, pipe materials, and internal plumbing modifications up to the water meter.
- Cost of trenching and concrete floor repairs.
- Cost of grass seeding to restore disrupted grass/lawns.
- Applicable permit fees.

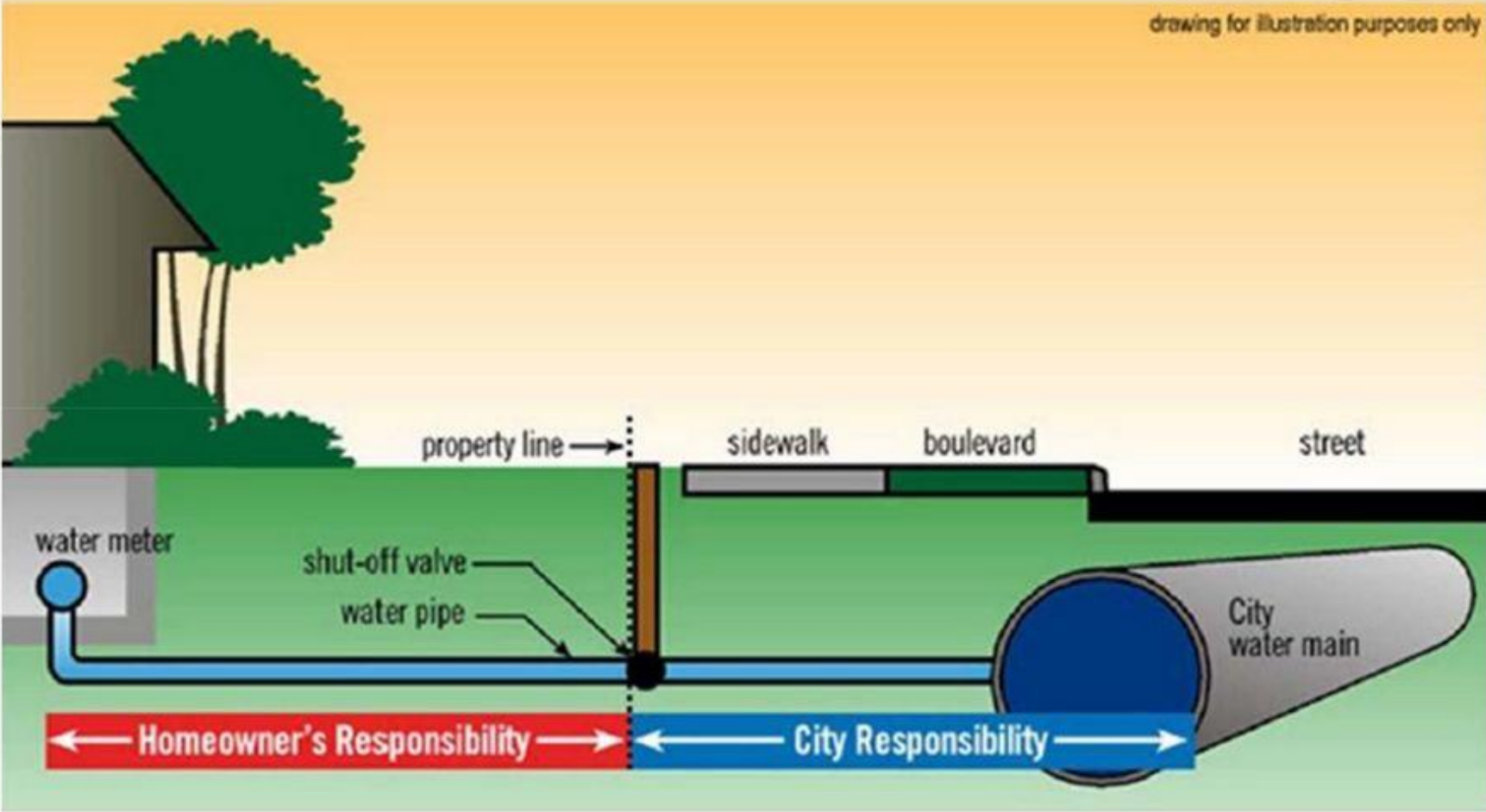
### **Non-Eligible Costs:**

- Removal and Replacement of interior walls and finishes.
- Use of materials not meeting the requirements of the Village's guide specifications or Village Codes.
- Ancillary homeowner improvements to include interior plumbing and fixtures not necessary in the replacement of the lead water service.
- Planting or replacement of new landscaping (bushes, trees, sod, fences, walls, driveways, etc.)

### **General Plumbing Notes**

1. Minimum one-inch (1") Type K copper or other approved material per the Illinois State Plumbing Code is required.
2. All fittings shall be certified NSF/ANSI 61 brass.
3. Contractor shall restore all interior and exterior surfaces disturbed due to excavation in-kind.

# EXHIBIT A: WATER SERVICE DIAGRAM



Source: Evaluation of Lead Service Line Lining and Coating Technologies, Water Research Foundation, 2017

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1:** Submit an application for the Lead Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program with a minimum of two plumbing estimates which detail the scope of work to the Public Works Department. Also, complete the following forms/items:

- **Lead Service Line Replacement Application** (page 7)
- **Letter of Agreement** (page 8)
- **Complete the pre-construction lead water sample**

Submit the drawing, proposals, and forms to the Village of Lombard's Public Works Department at 1051 S. Hammerschmidt Avenue.

**STEP 2:** After being deemed eligible, hire a plumber. A permit will be required and the permit application and drawings will be reviewed by the Building Division and will either be approved as noted or returned for revisions. When the application and drawings receive approval, the permit will be issued and the plumber can start the work.

**STEP 3:** The plumber needs to contact the Building Division to schedule normal inspections during the course of work and at completion for a final inspection.

A post construction lead water sample shall be taken and submitted by the property owner.

**STEP 4:** After the work has been inspected and approved and the post lead water sample submitted, the homeowner must pay the full amount to the plumber and then submit the following to the Public Works Department to get reimbursed:

- Completed Request for Disbursement Form.
- A copy of an itemized invoice marked "paid" from the plumber who did the work.
- Copies of the cancelled check(s) (both sides) or credit card receipts identifying that the homeowner paid for the work.

Upon completion of the work and approval of a final inspection by the Village, the applicant will pay the total cost of the pre-approved system. The Village shall reimburse property owners up to 75% based upon the following schedule.

- **Installation of a new water service on the private portion - maximum of \$5,000**

A representative from the Village may need to do an on-site inspection of your home.

**STEP 5:** "WAIT" – The homeowner will receive the Village's reimbursement check in the mail approximately two (2) - three (3) weeks after all of the required paperwork is submitted to the Public Works Department.

# Lead Water Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program

## Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Where you can be reached between M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm)

Is the water service to the property lead?  Yes  No  Don't Know

If yes, name of person who verified water service material: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Does the property receive water from the Village of Lombard?  Yes  No  Don't Know

Has your water meter been upgraded?  Yes  No  Don't Know

The cost estimate for the proposed work is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***The homeowner is responsible to pay the total costs of the project. The Village will then reimburse the property owner for 75% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000.***

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Applicant*

**The reimbursement must be approved by the Director of Public Works and any necessary permits must be acquired prior to starting work.**

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Approved for a total project cost of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Construction Lead Water Sample Submitted:  yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Utilities Superintendent*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Director of Public Works*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT LETTER OF AGREEMENT

**I understand and agree** that the Village of Lombard established the lead service line replacement program to assist residents in mitigating the risks of consuming lead in drinking water. The program provides for 75% reimbursement of eligible costs (up to a maximum of \$5,000) upon approval.

**Prior to the installation** of any plumbing work, the specific plans including the Proposal shall be submitted to the Village for review and approval along with the submission of the pre-construction water sample. No work shall commence until Village approval is obtained and a permit is issued. The Village shall be notified to inspect the plumbing work as required under any permit.

**Reimbursement** of eligible items at approved amounts will be made after work is completed, inspected and approved by the Village. A completed Request for Disbursement form must be completed and submitted with other documentation, such as the detailed invoice marked “paid” and a copy of the cancelled check (both sides) or credit card receipt which evidences that the project was paid for, in full, by the homeowner and the submission of the post construction lead water sample.

**Liability** – The Village shall have no liability for any defective work or other damage, injury and/or loss on account of any act or omission of the Contractor in the performance of the work. The Homeowner shall make any claim for such matters directly against the Contractor or Contractor’s insurance carrier. Homeowner hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Village harmless against any and all claims and further covenants not to sue the Village for any and all claims, as no system is absolutely fail safe. Homeowner responsible for all maintenance of system including but not limited to replacement parts, pumps, circuit breakers, valves, pipes, etc.

**Disclaimer** – The Program is designed to eliminate lead from the water distribution system. The replacement of the lead water service lines will substantially reduce the risk of consuming lead in drinking water; however, interior plumbing fixtures may still contain lead or lead solder. It is recommended that old fixtures be replaced with new Watersense® labeled fixtures. Faucets should be flushed for 3 – 5 minutes after not being used for several hours, depending on the length of the water service line to flush potential lead out of the pipes before consuming. Water should be flushed until it runs consistently cold.

Information on lead in drinking water can be found at [www.villageoflombard.org/waterquality](http://www.villageoflombard.org/waterquality) or [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead). You can also contact the Village of Lombard Public Works Department at 630.620.5740 or via email at [publicworks@villageoflombard.org](mailto:publicworks@villageoflombard.org).

**Breach** – If the Homeowner fails to comply with all requirements of this Agreement or to complete installation as provided in this Agreement, the Village shall have no obligation to reimburse the Homeowner.

I understand and agree with all of the above statements and agree to comply accordingly.

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*Homeowner – Printed Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Property Address* \_\_\_\_\_, LOMBARD, IL 60148



# LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to Send Reimbursement (if different then location of work): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Date plumbing work was completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing permit number issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing contractor who performed work: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of eligible expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Owner Certification

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the homeowner of the premises indicated above and I certify that all of the information contained on this Request for Reimbursement Form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### Building Division Certification

As an authorized agent of the Village of Lombard, I certify that I have reviewed all the necessary paperwork associated with above mentioned Lead Service Line Replacement Program Permit, and found them in compliance with the provisions of the Program as well as all applicable Village Codes, and Final Inspections have been satisfactorily passed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### Public Works Department Certification

As an authorized agent of the Village of Lombard who administers the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, I certify that I have reviewed all the necessary paperwork associated with above mentioned Lead Service Line Replacement Program Application & Permit, and found them in compliance with the provisions of the Program. Therefore, I recommend the reimbursement amount be paid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Total amount of reimbursement approved** (75% of eligible expenses not to exceed category maximum)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Installation of new service line – maximum of \$5,000