

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Village of La Grange is preparing to replace the water main that serves your home. We expect to begin work from the 100 Block of N Brainard Avenue through the 400 Block of S Brainard Avenue (Ogden Ave to 47th St.) in June of 2023.

Our records indicate that the pipe from your home to the water main may be made of lead or galvanized steel pipe. The upcoming construction project may affect the lead concentrations in your drinking water. Lead, a metal found in natural deposits, is harmful to human health, especially young children and pregnant women. 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 most common exposure to lead is swallowing and breathing in lead paint chips and dust. However, lead in drinking water can also be a source of lead exposure. Lead was used in household plumbing materials and water service lines prior to 1988. Lead in water usually occurs through corrosion of plumbing products containing lead, however, disruption (construction or maintenance) of lead service lines may also temporarily increase lead levels in the water supply. This disruption may sometimes be caused by water main maintenance/replacement. Note that, lead is not present in the Village's source water or treated drinking water.

The Village's Ordinance states that the water service from the building up to and including its connection to the Village's water main is the responsibility of the property owner. However, as part of this water main project, the contractor performing the water main replacement has been instructed to replace all lead service lines with a copper service line from the water main to the b-box. If your water service is determined to be made of lead or galvanized pipe, the Village **strongly encourages** you to replace your water service at the same time. The price to replace the private side of the lead service line is \$6,500. Property owners are able to choose to use the Village hired contractor or to hire a separate contractor to perform the work (a permit for this work will be required). Property owners who choose not to replace the remaining portion of their lead water service (from b-box to the water meter), will be required to sign a waiver in accordance with Illinois State Law acknowledging they understand the risks associated with continuing to maintain a lead water service.



At this time, the Village is requesting property owners to fill out a form providing their contact information for future coordination efforts and information on next steps. Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/uuhQC92tep> or scan the QR Code to the left with your smartphone to access the form. Please contact the Village's Representative, , Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, with questions pertaining to Brainard Avenue Water Main Replacement Project, Peter Anderson, at panderson@baxterwoodman.com. Additional information regarding lead water services can be found on the Village's website.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works