



# WATER SERVICE LINE PROGRAM



## INTRODUCTION

This page was created specifically to help Village of Romeo residents understand the Water Service Line (WSL) Program that the Village is required to do and is currently undertaking.

## BACKGROUND

What is a Water Service Line? Service lines carry water from the water main under the street up to your home (see diagram below).

## REQUIREMENTS

In June of 2018, the State of Michigan adopted one of the strictest lead and copper rule provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act in the nation. Among these new RULES is the requirement to inventory all water service lines. The Village values water quality and safety, and we are working to comply with these requirements.

Per these State requirements, all water systems were required to submit a *Complete* Distribution System Materials Inventory (CDSMI) to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) by October 16, 2024. The CDSMI's intent is to detail information on the material of ALL water service lines in the Village water distribution system.

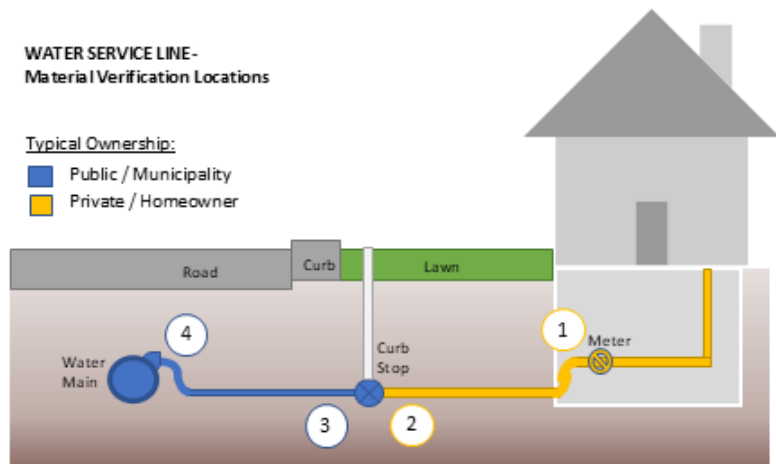
EGLE required random physical verifications on some water service lines. To complete the material verification, the materials are required to be verified at the following locations:

1. In-Home - at the connection with the meter (Point 1).
2. Outside - At the private side of the curb stop box (Point 2).
3. Outside - At the public side of the curb stop box (Point 3).
4. Outside - at the connection to the water main (Point 4).

EGLE allowed those random verifications to be used to predict service line materials on all of the other water services. The Village completed the CDSMI inventory and submitted it to EGLE per the deadline.

WATER SERVICE LINE-  
Material Verification Locations

Typical Ownership:  
Public / Municipality  
Private / Homeowner



## WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

The Village is required to have this CDSMI material inventory available for public viewing.

## Non-Lead Service Materials

The Inventory includes services that are identified with a non-lead material designation –anything that does not contain lead (for example - Copper, Plastic, Pex, HDPE, Ductile Iron, Non-Lead, Unknown Non-Lead, etc.).

## Unknown - Potentially Lead Service Materials

The Inventory includes some services that are classified as “Unknown – Potentially Lead” - these water service lines materials could not be predicted without further evaluation. Because your service line material is “unknown”, there is the potential that some or all of the line could be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was previously connected to lead.

Per State requirements, the Village is to notify residents of any unknown (w/ potential for lead) water service line materials in mid-November 2024, and then again, every year thereafter until such time that the material is known.

More information from the State on lead in your drinking water, the health effects of lead, and things you can do to minimize possible lead exposure can be found in the “Resources” section below.

### Next Steps for Residents

- ❖ What do I do if I have an “**unknown-potentially lead**” water service material? Or received notification of an Unknown (may contain lead) service material?

#### Option 1) Submit information on what is in your residence:

[Water Service Line Viewer](#)

1. Go to the “Water Service Line Viewer” Portal link
2. Enter for your address in the search window
  - Click on the “**Resident Submission**” button for a step-by-step tutorial on how to determine and submit the material that is in your residence.
3. Your submittal will be reviewed by the Village’s Engineer, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.
4. **Check back to this “Water Service Line Viewer” map for updates on your material information submittal to see if additional information is required.**

OR

#### Option 2) Schedule an appointment with a Village Inspector

- Call the Public Works Department to schedule an inspection appointment
- (586) 752-2684
- Appointments are limited to Tuesday and Thursday’s from 7:30am – 2:30pm.
- Appointments may need to be rescheduled if an emergency arises.

## ❖ What else can I expect to happen if I have an “unknown” (that may contain lead) water service?

"Outside" service line materials will be determined by a qualified Village Contractor. The "outside" material inspections will likely begin in the Winter/Spring of 2025.

The "Outside" material must be verified on each side of the curb box, near the sidewalk (see picture). It requires 1-2 excavations on each side of your curb box. These excavations are approximately 12-inches in diameter and are usually about 4-5 feet deep. Once the material is verified, the area disturbed by the work will be restored, which will be done by the Contractor. You do not need to be present for this outside verification and water service to your home/business will not be disrupted during completion of the outside verification. Flags to mark underground utilities will be placed in your yard to avoid service disruptions during the verification process.



## ❖ Cost?

The Village was awarded a Grant from EGLE to investigate these unknown water services. The grant deadline is September 2026. Therefore, it is extremely important for residents to supply the necessary information during that timeframe. **No expenses will be incurred to our water customers until such time that the grant funds are depleted, or the timeline expires.**

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

1. Where does your drinking water come from? <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/safety-injury-prev/environmental-health/topics/care-for-mi-drinking-water>
2. MI Lead Safe: <https://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe>
3. MI Lead Safe – FAQs: <https://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe/faq>
4. How does lead get into drinking water – (video)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6usRvbG0lWo>
5. Documents: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/drinking-water-and-environmental-health/lead-and-copper-in-drinking-water>
  - a. [Reducing Potential Lead Exposure from Drinking Water: Reducing Potential Lead Exposure from Drinking water](#)
  - b. [Cleaning your Aerators](#)
  - c. [PUR Faucet Filter Installation](#)