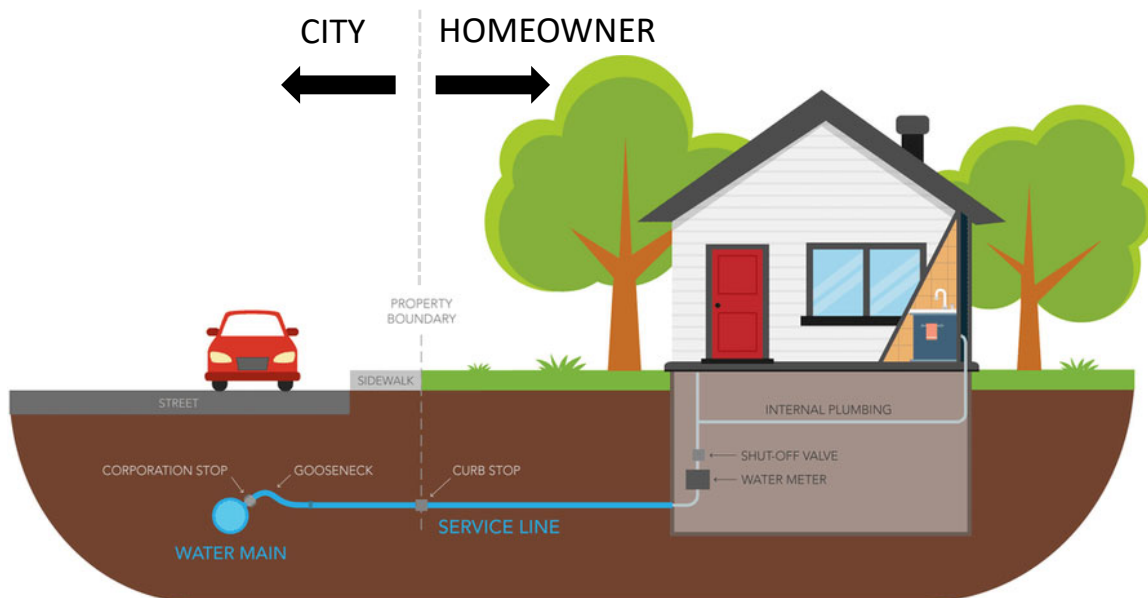


DOLE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WATER MAIN AND LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

The Dole Avenue reconstruction project includes replacement of the aging water main under the pavement. The pipe connecting each house to the water main is called a service line. As part of the project, the service lines will also be replaced. There is a valve on the service line near the property line that is called a curb-stop (see picture below). The curb stop allows the City to shut off the water flowing from the main to your house.

The portion of the service line between the water main and the curb stop is the responsibility of the City. The remaining portion, from the curb stop into the house is the homeowner's responsibility (repair and replacement.)



There is a likelihood that the service line for older homes on Dole Avenue are made of lead. Lead can leach into the drinking water from the service line and from indoor plumbing (pipes and fixtures). The Dole Avenue project will, at a minimum, include replacement of the service line from the water main to the curb stop for each house. If you have a full copper service line, no further work will be required on the homeowner's side of the curb stop.

The City has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for a grant to cover the full cost of replacing the lead service line (City and homeowner portion). The City will know by early June 2023 if a grant will be awarded to the City.

If the City does not receive the grant in June, we will follow up with each homeowner who has a lead service line regarding replacement options. A homeowner does have the right to waive the replacement of their side of the service line. The cost of replacing the homeowner side of the service is estimated at \$10,000.

It is important that your home's service line is inspected by the City to verify the material type. Please contact Public Works at 815-356-3614 if you have not had your service line inspected. If you have further questions on this matter, please contact Matt Farmer, Deputy Director of Public Works at 815-356-3613.