

What to Expect

In addition to the Frequently Asked Questions document, you may have additional questions on how this project will be constructed. Below outlines an estimated process that will take place from now until construction finishes.



Communication Outreach (January 2025)

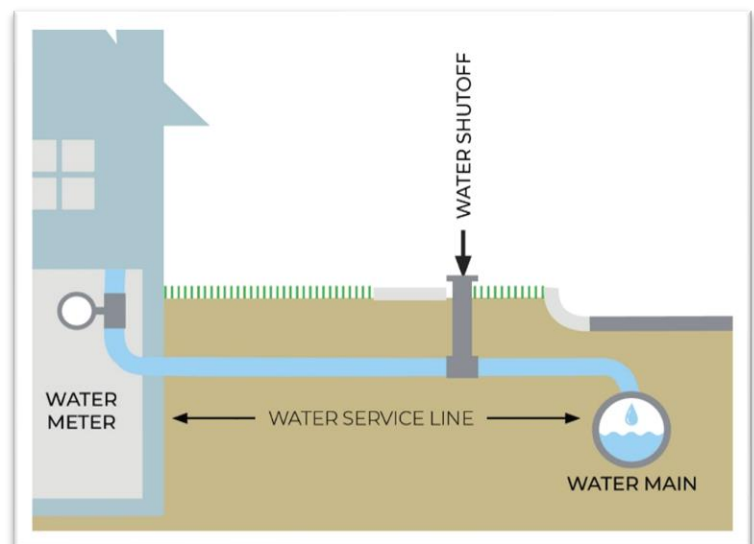
- You should have received an informational letter in the mail talking about the project, inviting you to the informational meeting, and asking for your contact information by February 24th.
- Also enclosed with the informational letter was the Water Service Replacement Agreement. This form will be the legal document to access your property and replace your lead or galvanized service. The Agreement will need to be signed before work can begin.

Informational Meeting (February 2025)

- An informational meeting will be held by Blue Earth Light & Water (BELW), with partner Bolton & Menk, Inc. (BMI), to discuss the project in more detail.
- Based off feedback from the meeting, the project design will be finalized and submitted in March 2025 to the Minnesota Department of Health for their review.

Property Owner Coordination (March – June 2025)

- While the plan is being reviewed, BELW and BMI would like to meet with you at your residence.
- The site visit will consist of the following:
 1. Review and collect Water Service Replacement Agreement
 2. Review site conditions to take photos of where your water service comes into your home and to review different replacement options.
- Blue Earth Light & Water and Bolton & Menk will work with the contractor to determine a schedule for this project. The contractor will reach out to property owners individually when it gets closer to replacing your service. This is anticipated to start in June.



Construction (June 2025 – August 2026)

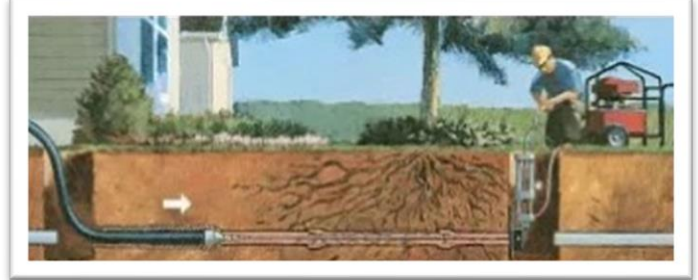
- As part of the construction project, the contractor will replace any identified lead or galvanized pipes from outside of the house to the meter inside of the home. The extent of replacement outside of the home will vary dependent on how much lead or galvanized pipe currently exists.
- Most service replacements will take place from the curb stop to the meter inside of the home.
- There are a few services that will require full replacement to the watermain in the street. This situation will occur for properties that have not been part of a street reconstruction project within the last 20 to 25 years.
- Two methods of service replacements will be used by the Contractor. Each property will be unique, and the plan / method will be presented to the property owner prior to performing work. In some scenarios, the water meter may need to be moved to a different location than where it currently exists in your home.
 - **Open Cut Method:** In this method, the contractor will dig your yard up and replace the existing lead pipe with new 1" PE pipe. This method will require the most restoration of your yard.
 - **Trenchless Method:** This method will still require some open-cut of the yard, but it will be limited to the connection points. The remaining portion of the service will be installed without disturbing the yard.



Open Cut Method



Trenchless Method



- Outside disturbances may vary depending on the method needed to install your service. Inside disturbances may also vary depending on the property and finishings. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions document for further details.
- There will be a two-year project warranty for the pipe installation after being installed.

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