

Lead pipes in Milwaukee: what to do

Does the city pay for your side of the line? Yes, at no cost to the owner when the program does the work.

1. Check your address

Look up your address on the Milwaukee Water Works map:

city.milwaukee.gov/water/LeadPipes/CheckAddress. You can also call the number below.

2. What the city covers

\$0 for 1 to 4 unit homes with no commercial use when replacement is required.

Owner Request Program: you pay the lesser of actual cost or the \$3,454 five-year average for the private side.

3. Call

414-286-6304

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4. In the meantime

- If the water has sat for hours, run the cold tap until it feels colder before drinking or cooking.
- Use cold water for drinking, cooking and baby formula.
- If you use a filter, pick one certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 or 58 for lead reduction. The box or the certifier's online listing says so.
- Questions about health: ask your doctor or local health department.

Source: Lead service line replacement (prioritized program + Owner Request Program), Milwaukee Water Works (city.milwaukee.gov/water/WaterQuality/LeadandWater/LSLR-Owner-Request). Checked Oct 15, 2026. Programs change, so confirm with the city.

More and updates: leadpipehelp.org/cities/milwaukee/