



## **ANNOUNCING AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY!**

*The City of Alliance has obtained a grant that will allow some Alliance homeowners to have a portion of their water service line replaced for free. If your water service line is lead pipe, you qualify and could be included in this grant.*

### **Why Did I Receive This Notice?**

Our records indicate that your home was built prior to 1948. This means it is highly likely your water service line, from the City water main to your curb stop was originally lead pipe. The lead pipe may or may not have already been replaced.

### **How Do I Know If My Water Line Is Lead Pipe?**

We will check and let you know. The City will be digging at the curb stop of all homes built prior to 1948 to confirm the type of pipe in use now. We will prioritize the homes where the owner has applied to be part of this grant program.

### **How Do I Apply For The Line Replacement Program?**

You may download an application online at **[www.cityofalliance.com](http://www.cityofalliance.com)**, pick one up from the lobby of the City Administration Building at 504 E. Main St., or call us at 330-821-3110 and ask us to mail one. Completed applications should be returned in one of the following ways: by mail to City of Alliance, Attn: Water Line Replacement, 504 E. Main St., Alliance, Ohio 44601; dropped off in the lobby of the City Administration Building via the Water Billing locked blue drop box; or by email to **[LineReplacement@allianceoh.gov](mailto:LineReplacement@allianceoh.gov)**.

### **If I Apply And My Line Is Still Lead Pipe Will My Home Be Included?**

We are estimating the grant will allow around 300 service lines to be replaced. This will not be enough to include every home. Preference will be given to owner-occupied homes over rental homes. Among each group (owner-occupied/rental), preference will be given in the order applications are received, first come, first served basis.

### **Will There Be Any Cost To Me?**

NO! There are considerations you need to be aware of though – see other side.



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## **Will This Cost Me Anything?**

The replacement of a lead service line, from the City water main to the curb stop is completely free. It is possible that during the replacement, or relatively soon thereafter, the portion of your service line going from the curb stop into the home may start to leak and need to be replaced. Any repairs other than from the main line to the curb stop (curb stop to home) will be fully at the homeowner's expense.

## **Why Would The Line Going To The House Start To Leak?**

That portion of your service line is very likely old as well. The pipe may have deteriorated, and the pipe walls may be thinner and weaker. Often the pipe needs the strength of the ground around it to stay together. As the ground is disturbed in the area around the curb stop, a leak could start. It is possible the line may currently be leaking, and just isn't noticeable.

## **How Do I Know If My Line Is Likely To Leak?**

The original pipe going from the curb stop into your home was probably iron pipe. If it is still iron pipe, the odds are extremely high that this line will leak when the lead portion of your service line is replaced. If the original iron pipe has previously been replaced with copper, it is both less likely to leak and it is repairable.

## **How Do I Know If I Have Iron Pipe Or Copper Pipe Coming Into My Home?**

Look at the pipe coming into the home, just before it hooks to the water meter. If you're not sure, call us at **330-823-3126** to set up an appointment for our technician to come verify it for you.

## **What Would The Cost Be If The Line Coming Into My Home Has To Be Replaced?**

You can expect the cost to be between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Don't let this cost discourage you from applying for the program – there is very affordable warranty coverage available to homeowners that will cover this replacement cost.

## **How Do I Get Warranty Coverage?**

The City of Alliance has endorsed a service line warranty with **Service Line Warranties of America**. The City has endorsed **Service Line Warranties of America** because it is the only warranty, we know of that covers your entire service line. ([www.cityofalliance.com/424/Service-Line-Warranties-of-America](http://www.cityofalliance.com/424/Service-Line-Warranties-of-America)) Their warranty coverage is available for as low as \$6.25 per month for exterior water line coverage. There are other companies which offer warranties. You are free to select any warranty you prefer.

## **If I Have Iron Pipe Should I Get A Warranty?**

It is highly recommended you purchase a warranty if you apply for this grant program, even if you have copper pipe. The copper pipe is less likely to leak, but not guaranteed. All pipes have a service life. Your service line has two halves. The cost to replace either half is \$2,000 to \$4,000, for a total of \$4,000 to \$8,000.