Final Federal Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) for New Jersey Water Systems

JWW Webinar

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TOPICS

- 1. Changing lead and copper regulations for NJ
- 2. Changes applicable to NJ water systems now
- 3. Changes applicable to NJ water systems in 2027
- 4. Federal Uncertainty

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Changing Lead and Copper Rule Regulations for NJ

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NJ LCR Requires Water System to do:



- Submit inventory, do annual letters, and post publicly
- Complete all LSL replacements in 10 years
- Annual replacement rate is 10% of LSLs + unknowns, but no "credit" for determining materials of unknowns
- Investigations of unknown materials in 10 years
- No partial replacements allowed, except for emergencies and infrastructure work with 45 days' notice and customer refusal
- Non-responsiveness = customer refusal (with good faith effort to contact property owner)

The US EPA copied these NJ LCR requirements for the LCRI.

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Changes applicable to NJ Water Systems Now

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LCRR: New Inventory Requirements for NJ

Oct 2024:

 Inventory: Include <u>all</u> service lines (domestic, <u>irrigation</u> and <u>fire lines</u>) except hydrants

<u>Nov 2024:</u>

Send letter to <u>unknowns</u>

Aug 2025:

Annual Letters: Send letter to LSLs and <u>unknowns</u>



LCRR: New Action Level Public Notice Requirement for NJ

Starting on *October 16, 2024,* any Action Level exceedance (>15 ppb) requires Tier 1 Public Notification **within 24 hours.**

- Revised mandatory health effects language
- Starting on October 2024, include instructions to access inventory on the CCR



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Changes Applicable for NJ Water Systems in 2027

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Replacements & Validation of Non-Leads

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LCRI: New Replacement Requirements for NJ

November 2027:

- LSL Replacement Plan minor content differences from NJ
- Private side replacement required within 45 days of an emergency partial replacement
- Post-replacement actions public health information, flushing instructions, filter, and water sample



LCRI: New Inventory Validation Step for NJ November 2034:

Statistical validation of non lead service lines:

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FACT SHEET

Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) Technical Fact Sheet: Inventory Validation Requirements Conduct physical verifications for services deemed "non lead" for 95% confidence level confirmation (roughly 400 locations)

INCLUDE non lead SLs based on:

- ✓ Records
- ✓ Predictive modeling
- ✓ Statistical approach
- ✓ Emerging methods

DO NOT INCLUDE non lead SLs based on:

XPhysical inspection

XYear built/install date in 1988 or later

Recommend doing validation before 2031, or before the end NJ's 10-year replacement period.



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LCRI: New Disturbance Requirements for NJ

November 2027:

Minor disturbance

(i.e. test pit, loss of pressure, curb or corp valve operation)

Major disturbance

(i.e. Gooseneck replacement, meter replacement)

LSL replacement

(i.e. Partial or full lead service line replacement)



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Compliance Sampling

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LCRI: New Compliance Monitoring Period January 2028:

 All systems with known LSL or GRR must begin with <u>standard</u> schedule and number of sites

- If no LSLs or GRRs, then can stay at reduced monitoring.
- If LSLs or GRRs, eligible for reduced monitoring in 2nd full year (if P90 <10ppb or <5ppb)







LCRI: New Tap Sampling Pool Tiers for NJ

January 2028:



LCRI: New Sampling Method for LSLs

January 2028:



- 1st and 5th Liter
 Sampling from LSLs
- Highest level used for compliance and 90th percentile calc.



LCRI: New Sampling for LSLs: 1st & 5th Liter plus Use Highest Result for Reporting





Total Lead–Flushed

LCRI: Reduced Lead Action Level (AL)

January 2028:







LCRI: New Compliance Sampling for NJ



January 2028:

New Action Level Exceedance Risk!

Recommend evaluating compliance risk and 5th liter sampling at LSLs before 2028. SHURICIPAL CORRCI Mildred C. Cramp - Council President / Council Member-at-Large Approte Anadow - Council Member, Eart Ward Carlos M. Genzalez - Council Member, Sarth Ward Joseph A., McSillum, R. - Council Member, Sosth Ward Janosh X., McSillum, R. - Council Member, Central Ward Eddie Oshorna - Cauncil Member, Central Ward Eddie Oshorna - Nuel Member at-Large Ladio Golorna - Vier President - Council Memberset Anihal meren, Jr. - Council Memberset

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School & Childcare Facility Sampling

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LCRI: New Sampling at Schools and Childcares for NJ



January 2028:

Provide annual Lead Health Risk Information



- Sample minimum of 20% of sites per year, offer at Secondary schools
- Provide results annually to Health Department



Sample sites include:

- ✓ All elementary schools constructed before 2014 (any school with 8th grade or below)
- ✓ All licensed childcare facilities
- $\checkmark\,$ Secondary schools can request to be sampled



LCRI: New Sampling at Schools and Childcares for NJ

Schools:

At least **five samples** from locations typically used for consumption

One kitchen faucet used

for food and drink prep

Childcare facilities:

At least **two samples**

Two drinking fountains



One kitchen or classroom faucet used for food and drink prep





One nurse's office faucet



LCRI: New School/Childcare Sampling Methods for NJ

School and childcare sampling methods differ from standard "compliance" methods

- Sample volume: 250 milliliter (vs.1 liter)
- Stagnation period: between 8 and 18 hours (vs. "at least 6 hours")





LCRI: New School/Child Care Sampling Waiver Eligibility

2027

- Previous Sampling 2021
- Voluntary Sampling Programs
- Waivers issued on case-by-case basis

Recommend starting outreach to and sampling at <u>private schools</u> before 2028.

Waiver Eligibility for New Jersey Schools and Childcares

Category	Current Sampling Requirement	Waiver Eligible?
Public Schools (includes magnet and charter)	Dept of Ed requires lead sampling every 3 years	Yes
Private Schools (independent and parochial)	No requirement	No
Childcare Facilities	Required sampling as part of license renewal every 3 years	Yes



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Federal Uncertainty



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Federal Uncertainty with Congressional Review Act & Lawsuit



Question: Could the LCRI be repealed? Answer: Yes, by majority vote of Congress.

Question: What happens then?

Answer: The LCRR becomes effective, possibly with delay of compliance dates.

Question: How does that affect NJ? Answer: NJ water systems follow NJ lead legislation plus LCRR.

REPLACEMENTS UNDER LCRR vs LCRI

- No required replacements unless high 90th percentile for lead monitoring
 - Trigger level of 10 ppb --> CCT study/optimization and goal-based replacement rate
 - Action level of 15 ppb --> 3% annual replacement rate
- Partial replacements only allowed if customer refuses (must give 45-day notice) or in an emergency (must still offer to replace customer side after partial)
- LSL replacement plan requirements are slightly different than for LCRI; must submit but only use if have a TL or AL exceedance
- Must replace goosenecks when uncovered
- Post-replacement actions are the same as LCRI Impacts NJ water systems

NJ water systems will continue to do replacements and avoid partial replacements.

INVENTORY / INVESTIGATIONS / PUBLIC OUTREACH UNDER LCRR vs LCRI

- Identify materials during routine activities (only requirement for investigation)
- Annual updates of inventory to State agency (in NJ, these are due in July)
- No timeline to identify unknowns and no validation step
- Major disturbances: Offer water sample 3 to 6 months after work (this was removed for disturbances in the LCRI)
 Impacts NJ water systems
- Slightly different public health language in annual letters and disturbance education materials

NJ water systems will continue to improve the inventory by 2031 and send annual letters!

COMPLIANCE SAMPLING UNDER LCRR vs LCRI

- Sample results within 3 calendar days and not by email
- 90th percentile Action Level at 15 ppb; Trigger Level at 10 ppb
- 5th liter for LSLs (not worst case of 1st and 5th per LCRI)
- Slight changes in tier categories for galvanized lines
- No mechanism to allow use of lower tiered sites if highest tier site owners don't allow access (100% from LSLs if present)

NJ water systems still need to watch out for a 90th percentile violations due to new tiers and 5th liter.

Impacts NJ water systems

SCHOOL & CHILDCARE SAMPLING UNDER LCRR vs LCRI

- Must do ≥20% per year regardless of previous testing programs
- Only samples within the defined period counts

Impacts
 NJ water systems

NJ water systems will not be able to get waivers for public schools and childcare facilities.



KEY TAKE AWAYS -

Don't wait for Federal action on LCRI.

Do these 3 things to prepare for November 2027:

- **1.** Start disturbance and post-replacement actions.
- **2.** Evaluate AL compliance risk; take 5th liter samples at LSLs.

3. Start outreach to and sampling at private schools.



Thank You!

Find assistance with LCR compliance at

cdmsmith.com/lead





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Turning Challenges into Trust: Building Customer Satisfaction Through Lead Service Line Replacements

Chelsea Kulp Sr. Manager of Gov't & External Affairs *New Jersey American Water*



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Setting the Stage

"Proactive communication is the single most important step water utilities can take the increase customer satisfaction" – J.D. Powers





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New Jersey American Water is the largest regulated water and wastewater service provider in the State of New Jersey.

- Our approximately **860 employees** serve:
- Approx. 2.9 million people in over 190 communities in 18 counties.
- Approx. 668,000 water service customers (91% residential)
- 64,200 wastewater service customers

In 2022, we launched one of the largest communications campaign to <u>educate</u> and <u>empower</u> our customers on our Lead Service Line Replacement Program





Unique Challenges Result in Specialized Education Campaign

CHALLENGES

- Lead can be a sensitive topic
- Over 600K unknowns at start
- Replace all lead and galvanized service lines by 2031
- 32 PWSIDs
- Communicate with highly diverse populations across the State
- 10% replacement each year per PWSID

RESPONSE

- Educate customers, elected officials and key stakeholders
- Empower customers to act
- Continue to build trust through transparency and consistency





Accessibility Key: Multilingual Materials & Interactive Map

Landing Page: www.newjerseyamwater.com/leadfacts



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Prioritization Model & Plan Set, Contractors Ready

Now, how to educate & empower the 2.9 million people served by us...



Strategic Messaging: Meeting the Customers Where They Are



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Outreach is continuously refined based on available data to help ensure that the media spend is targeted and efficient as possible based on need.

TRACK 1 – ID UNKNOWN

MATERIAL: Self-identify your service lines so that we schedule replacement if they are lead, at no direct cost, **across entire service footprint.**

TRACK 2 – KNOWN MATERIAL: Sign agreement to replace your lead lines, at no direct cost & advising about scheduled work, **aligned with** construction schedules.

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HIGH-IMPACT, HIGH-REACH TACTICS

- Cable TV in targeted geos
- Local & ethnic radio in targeted geos
- OOH billboards & posters

- Press event/statement with DEP/state
- LTE and op-ed strategy
- One-on-one local press strategy

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Elected officials and local govt. organizations
- Clergy, school districts, local leaders, etc.
- Environmental advocates/nonprofit community
- Statewide, ethnic and local Chambers of Commerce

TARGETED MEDIA TACTICS

- Univision media partnership
- Streaming TV & video
- Social & digital ads

- Print ads in local weeklies
- Partnerships with Patch and TapInto



Examples of Customer Educational Campaign





Engage & Educate Your Employees

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LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

At New Jersey American Water, providing safe, reliable water service is our top priority. That's why we're committed to replacing utility-owned and customer-owned leadservice lines where they exist by 2031. Visit us online to self-identify and report the material of your service line. If the portion of service line you own is made of lead, we'd like to work with you to replace it over the ourse of the next several years.



Please note: If your service line contains lead, it does not mean you cannot use water as you normally do. New Jersey American Water tests for lead in accordance with regulatory requirements and our water meets water quality regulations, including those related to lead.

LEARN MORE ONLINE

To learn more about our service line replacement program, scan the QR code on the other side of this card or visit newjerseyamwater.com/leadfacts.

Here are just a few examples of what you'll learn:

- Tips on how to assess and help reduce lead exposure
- Frequently asked questions related to the program
 Guide to self-identify and submit your service line material using our online interactive map
- · Additional resources about lead in drinking water

*In accordance with New Jersey legislation, galvanized service lines are considered lead



MAKING PROGRESS & PROUD OF IT

As New Jersey's largest water utility, we work hard to stay at the forefront of the state's lead service line replacement efforts. Since 2022, we've successfully replaced over 00,000 customer-owned lead and galvanized steel water service lines as part of our ongoing Lead Service Line Replacement Program. This achievement is a significant step forward, putting New Jersey American Water on pace to meet state requirements to replace all lead and galvanized service lines in our service area by 2031.

- But our work doesn't end here. We're just getting started. This year, we plan to: · Distribute pitcher filters after every lead or galvanized steel service line
- replacement, ahead of the mandated timeline under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
- Leverage technology and predictive modeling for fast and more efficient service line material identification.
- Send letters to customers with unknown service line material with helpful. information about how to self-identify and report their service line material.
- Send letters to property owners with lead or galvanized service lines until their service line is replaced, in accordance with state law.

Lead Service Line Replacement: It's not just about compliance. It's our commitment.



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New Jersey American Water's Lead Service Line Program

A presentation offered by members of the leadership team. Click here to watch!





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New Jersey American Water will replace your lead and galvanized steel service lines at **NO DIRECT COST.** Get yours replaced. Learn How.

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The City of Summit is sharing information from New Jersey American Water (NJAW) on the Lead

As part of its Lead Service Replacement Program, NJAW will be replacing all lead and galvanized

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Service Line Replacement Program and how customers can assist NJAW by identifying the

steel service lines, including the customer-owned portion at no direct cost to customers.

NJAW is requesting assistance from customers to identify the material of th... See more



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Beginning today, New Jersey American Water will be sending representatives to our area to teach our residents about identifying and reporting the material of the senice line that brings water into their home. Representatives will be wearing yellow vests and carrying a NJAW ID tag. The educational effort is part of the company's Lead Service Line Replacement Program aimed at replacing all lead and galavirated water service lines by 2013 as mandated by state law. Customerowned water service lines have historically not been tracked by water utilities, so completing an inventory of customer-owned service lines is a necessary step to replacing all lead or galavanzed water service lines. Learn more

njamwater.com/leadfacts



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A Message From New Jersey American Water

Dear Valued Customer - New Jersey American Water will be launching our Lead Service Line Replacement Program in your community with support of our qualified contractor, CDM Smith, beginning on or about February 26, 2024. The first part of this program is to inspect and identify the material of our customer's water service line.

To help identify the material of the customer-side service line, our qualified contractor, CDM Smith, will be canvassing in the community and performing in-house inspections.

Customers are encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling CDM Smith at 732-590-4700 or by emailing

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Evolution of Communications Program

Using Real-time Results, Metrics & Feedback



Localized Canvassing & Community Focused Education

TAPinto Passaic Valley hours ago .

Attention Little Falls Residents: Still need help identifying and reporting the terial o water service lines? Re on the lookout for New Jersey American Water con tors ca in your neighborhood or schedule an appointment directly with us! Follow this link to learn more and make an appointment; https://bit.lv/4dJo



Our contractors will be going door to door in your neighborhood in the coming weeks to identify lead or galvanized steel service lines.



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TAPinto Passaic Valley

American Water Works Service Company, Inc.

Neptune/Bradley Beach: Service Line Assessment: Multiple Streets

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This is an important notification from New Jersey American Water. Our qualified contractor. CDM Smith. will be in your area beginning on MONDAY MARCH 11TH THROUGH FRIDAY MARCH 15TH to assess our customers' water service line materials. Water service lines connect our water main to your home or property and can be made of copper, plastic, galvanized steel, iron, or lead. Please "pipe up" and help us by answering a few questions if we contact you or come to your door. Customers can also visit newjerseyamwater.com/leadsurvey and self-ID their service line material. Our qualified contractor will carry official company photo I.D. badges and wear logoed, high visibility vests. Your assistance is very important in helping us meet the goal of identifying and replacing lead and galvanized service lines by 2031. To learn more about the program and our commitment, visit

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our home to the water main in the street dence is owned by New Jersey American ne other portion. (See Diagram below)





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Customer Awareness Blitz

- 1. Initial Townwide Customer Letter Sent via billing system & linked to customer account to help ensure alignment across departments
- 2. Mail LSLR Project Packet Includes: Program Overview & FAQs & Agreement
- 3. Canvassing Postcard Received approx. 3-5 days after packet
- 4. Target Emails to Inform & Request Action One to known lead & separate outreach to unknown list.
- **5. Targeted Social Media Campaign** (*if applicable*)
- 6. Pitched / Placed in local media

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7. Opted-In Notification to customers sent 2-3 days prior to launch.



We are launching the Lead Service Line Replacement Program in your community in partnership with our qualified contractor, CDM Smith, who will begin canvassing efforts soon.

You are receiving this email because you may have a lead or galvanized water service line. We would like to work with you to identify the material of your service and replace it if it is confirmed lead or galvanized. The next step is to act with one of the two options below within 10 days of the date of this email:

Self Identify Your Service Line Follow this link to self-identify the material of your service line and our consultant will contact you to schedule a date for the replacement, if necessary. This link can also be found on New Jersey American Water's website www.newjerseyamwater.com/leadfact

Call/Email to Schedule a FREE Inspection If you would like to schedule an inspection to identify your service line material, you can call our qualified engineering consultant, CDM Smith, at 732-590-4700 or email NJAWLead@cdmsmith.com. Once your service line material is identified, the inspector will give you more information about a replacement, if needed

We'd like to identify your water service line material

You're receiving this postcard because your service line material is still unknown to us. Our partner CDM Smith will be reaching out to inspect your service line material. Help us by answering a few questions when they come to your door. You can also schedule an inspection with CDM Smith at a

HELP US GET THE LEAD OUT

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estamos realizando en su área para identificar el material de su linea de servicio del agua. Comuniquese al 732-590-4700 y programe una cita.



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Boots on the Ground Inspection Canvass Efforts

• Alert Notification Launch to Target Area

- Email, Text, and/or Call
- Repeat as Canvassing Progresses

Leave Behind Materials:

- Door hanger: "Sorry We Missed You"
- Door hanger: "Please Contact Us"
- "Sorry We Missed You" Email Follow Up
 - Known Lead/Galvanized Steel
 - Unknown
- "We've Been Trying to Reach You" Postcard
- CDM Smith-Led Outgoing Customer Calls to Schedule Inspection Appointments
- Online Scheduling App

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Canvassing to Support Lead Service Line Replacement Program Begins in Little Falls

By New Jersey American Water

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The service line is the pipe that connects your home to the water main in the street. A portion of the service line to your residence is owned by New Jersey American Water, while the homeowner owns the other portion. *(See Diagram below)*





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What About Unresponsive Customers?

- Follow up with Municipality & Provide Update
- Record of Outreach Attempts
- Standard/Required Communications Continue:
 - Statewide Emails to Self Report—
 - Known Lead: Yearly Notification — –
 - Unknown: Yearly Notification
- Test Pits
- Replacement Contractor Outreach



At this property: ADDRESS OF PROPERTY

State Water System ID#: [PWSID] System Name: [COMMON NAME OF SYSTEM

quality standards.

New Jersey American Water service line material is: [UTILITY SERVICE LINE MATERIAL Customer-owned service line material is: [CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE MATERIAL]

Please note you can still use your water as you normally do. Your water continues to meet water

As part of our commitment to meeting the 2031 goal, we have developed and launched our Lead Service Line Replacement Program, which can be found at <u>www.newjerseyamwater.com/leadfacts</u>. Here you will

find an interactive map of the company's service line inventory and additional resources including answers to frequently asked questions. Additionally, if your customer-owned service line is identified as unknown, there is information to help vou identify the material and submit your findings to the company.

NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER

Maximizing Identifications Through Strategic Communications and Canvassing

CUSTOMER SELF-REPORTING





Elements of a Comprehensive Communications Strategy



The Path Forward: Lessons Learned & Continuous Improvement

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Consistent Communication is Key: You will never communicate *too much* about topics that matter to your customers.



Direct communications in your customer's preferred channel is most ideal.



Partner for Success: Municipalities, Stakeholders, Contractors & Consultants



Be willing to pivot when necessary and enlist the right resources and teams from the beginning.



Build Trust & Stay Transparent: Make your customer education unique to you and your area.







Thank you!



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with Large Water Utilities in the Northeast Region & MOST TRUSTED.

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RIDGEWOOD WATER LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM CASE STUDY: VOLUNTARY LSLR PROGRAMS

> Presented by Yolanda McCollom, PE January 28, 2025



ABOUT RIDGEWOOD WATER

- Total Population Served: 62,287
- Total Number of Service Connections: 20,950
- Total Number of Wells: 52
- Total Number of Points of Entry: 31*
- Supplemental Water Sources: Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC), Borough of Hawthorne, Veolia Water
- Municipalities Served: Borough of Glen Rock Borough of Midland Park Village of Ridgewood Township of Wyckoff

* 31 POE being consolidated to 12 Treatment Facilities for PFAS filtration, Chlorine disinfection and Polyphosphate/orthophosphate blend (ESC 532) corrosion control additive



SERVICE AREA MAP



- GIS database developed for LSL Inventory
- Service Line material Look-up Tool launched April 2021



Service Line Material Status and Categorization For support or to suggest an improvement, contact the Office of Information Services.

Filter by Municipality 由 GLEN ROCK, MIDLAN,



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95.8% **Known Materials**

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Any Unknown Part

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Service Lines

LEAD SERVICE LINE DASHBOARD SERVICE AREA TOTALS









WHY IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY LSL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM?

- 1. NO MANDATE: LCR Allows for property owners to <u>Opt-out</u> of replacing their private-side LSLs
- LACK OF FUNDING: Many municipalities, including those that Ridgewood Water serves, do not qualify for needs based funding, so funding LSL replacements is solely the responsibility of the water utilities/municipalities/property owners.
- 3. LOCAL POLITICS: Town leaders mayors, councilmembers, managers, administrators, and public works directors may not agree with absorbing the cost of customer-side LSL replacements through water rate hikes.
- 4. LOW HEALTH RISK: Many water utilities already have successful corrosion control treatment programs in place, perform regular testing, and do not have lead levels above the MCL.
- 5. UNEVEN DISTRIBUTION of affected customers.



Ridgewood Water chose Voluntary LSLRP for all of these reasons, especially #5

Ridgewood Water Serving Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff

LSLR PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND GOALS

2021-2023	Strategy Sessions: 4-Town Round Table discussions with town managers and elected officials to achieve broad consensus for LSLRP Funding approach
	Ordinance Adoption: Presentation and adoption of LSLR Ordinances and Shared Service
2023	Agreements in each municipality to allow RW to replace customer-side LSL and create funding and financing mechanisms for municipalities and customers
2023-2024	Public Outreach and Opt-in/Opt-out Period: Notification to property owners of Ordinance and how to Sign up through mailings, emails, website, social media outreach. 6/2024-12/2024
2024-2025	LSLR Contract Year 1 Plans/Specs and Bid Advertisement: Includes IBank review processes and procedures with goal to procure first contract in early 2025
2025-2026	LSLR Contract Year 1 Construction: Replacement of 500 LSLs, including some utility side only (Main to Curb) to reach goal
2026-2029	LSLR Contract Years 2, 3, and 4: Repeat construction project annually until maximum customer participation achieved, pending changes in legislation
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OPTION 1B: YES, I, the undersigned, an owner of the Property, elect to participate in the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, provide Ridgewood Water and its Contractor with a right of entry to my Property to complete the Lead Service Line Replacement as described herein, and expressly and unconditionally agree to pay Ridgewood Water an amount equal to the cost of the Lead Service Line Replacement within 14 days of receipt of an invoice for such Work. I further expressly and unconditionally agree that failure to timely pay such invoice shall automatically enroll me in **Option 1A** and that my Property will be subject to the special assessment on the terms and conditions described herein and in the Ordinance.

OPTION 2: YES, I, the undersigned, am planning to replace my lead or galvanized service line using my own contractor, I agree to comply with Ridgewood Water's rules and regulations governing private replacement of lead or galvanized service lines, and I agree to contact Ridgewood Water Customer Service prior to scheduling the replacement to coordinate the disconnect/connect process with Ridgewood Water.

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OPTION 3: NO, I do NOT want my Lead Service Line replaced as part of Lead Service Line

Replacement Program. I understand the risks of exposure to lead through drinking water and would like to opt-out of such Program. I acknowledge that Ridgewood Water will not replace the utility-owned side of the Lead Service Line, if applicable, since replacing only a portion of a Lead Service Line has been shown to temporarily increase lead levels in drinking water.

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For more information on the

https://leadreplacement.rid

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I am not concerned about lead in drinking water.

I prefer to wait until replacement is mandatory.

□ Other – please explain:

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PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

Who is our Audience?

Residents with LSL/Unknowns (approx. 2,300)

General Public





Important Information About Our Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Ridgewood Water's Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program is part of New Jersey's legislative mandate to find and remove all lead and galvanized service lines by 2031. The program allows property owners to "opt-in" for Ridgewood Water to replace their LSL.

You are receiving this information because our records indicate that your service line is either lead/galvanized or of unknown material. Property owners with lead or galvanized service lines are eligible to participate in this *voluntary* replacement program.

While there is *no obligation* to participate, we ask you to please fill out and submit the Opt-In/Opt-Out Form (available June 1) so that we can properly plan for the replacements. There are several options for completing the form:

- 1. Scan the QR code below or visit https:/leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net/.
- 2. Request and submit the form via email at cswater@ridgewoodnj.net.
- 3. Submit the enclosed paper form to: Ridgewood Water, 111 North Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

If you opt-in to Ridgewood Water's program, work will begin in spring 2025 and continue over several years. If you hire your own contractor, they must contact our customer service team at cswater@ridgewoodnj.net or 201-670-5520 to coordinate the replacement.

Early cost estimates range from \$4,000 to \$8,000 up front, or \$7,000 to \$11,000 financed over 30 years (\$200 to \$400 per year). Actual costs will be published once the project is publicly bid and awarded, and you can still decide to opt-in or opt-out at that time.



WHY?



LSLRP TRACKING



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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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137	105	37	291	70	25	64	26	8	Midland Park		
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	*Ridgewood over	d Water has re 800 M-C LSLs ince 2018	placed		Total Engagement to date: (200-86**)+447+168+48=777 Out of approx_2 300 customers notified=34%						
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KEY OUTCOMES AND LESSONS LEARNED - SUMMARY

- 1 Unanticipated surge in Customer-initiated service line replacements
- 2 LSL Inventory Challenges
- 3 Galvanized tails and other Unexpected findings
- 4 Logistics and Project Planning Issues with voluntary replacements
- 5 Customer Communication Issues
- 6 Big Ticket Items that can Blow Up a Budget
- 7 Strategies to Increase Participation

Water Serving Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff

- 1 Unanticipated surge in Customer-initiated service line replacements
 - Began as soon as LSL/Unkown property address list published
 - ~170 customers choosing Option 2 during Opt-in Period
 - Ridgewood Water crews over-extended
 - 45-day list available but not ideal requires two separate shut-offs and interim mixed material period, filter protocol, etc.

- Need for outside contractor support and immediate funding



2 LSL Inventory Challenges

- Property records, plumbing records dating back to 1920's
- Vacuum Excavator used to do physical inspection at curb box, not always available/functioning, some curb valve in tree roots
- Contractors replacing service lines without reporting to Ridgewood Water
- In some cases, need to verify material prior to replacement, some "known" LSLs found to be Copper
- Customers with Unknown material service lines not knowing whether to sign up or not

3 Galvanized "tails" and other Unexpected findings

- Historical cases of utility allowing property owners' plumbing contractors to repair/replace a portion of the lead/galvanized service line.
- If the portion of the LSL remaining is 24" or less, RW considers it a galvanized "tail" and we will replace at our own expense while replacing the utility side (Main to Curb).
- Many customers report having a Copper service line, but only the portion through the wall in the basement is copper, and the rest is still a LSL.
- In one contentious case, a plumbing contractor found copper existing and still replaced it (see next slide).



PSA RESPONSE TO COPPER => COPPER REPLACEMENT

When homeowner would not have otherwise replaced service line!



- Some contractors are sending out advertisements claiming that replacing your service line is mandatory. It is not. IT IS VOLUNTARY.
- If you received a letter stating that RW's records indicate that your property has been identified as having a Lead Service Line or is of Unknown Material, we advise you to confirm the material of your service line prior to contracting with a private contractor. Most reputable contractors can verify the material with an interior inspection at no cost to you.
- If you and/or your contractor determines that the material of your service line is *different* than what is shown in our inventory <u>Service Line Look-up (ridgewoodnj.net)</u> please let us know and we will update our database. There may not be a need for replacement and the cost for same if your service line is acceptable (copper).
- If your plumbing contractor finds that you already have a copper service line, they should not replace it without your approval. Lead and galvanized service lines should be replaced according to the New Jersey legislation (N.J.S.A. 58:12A-40 et seq.).
- LSL Replacements can typically be accomplished using trenchless construction, which limits the amount of disturbance to your property's surroundings. When choosing a plumbing contractor, you may want to find out if they have this capability. See video: <u>MiniPix US V53 16x9 VO1 (youtube.com)</u>
- If you do not want to use your own plumbing contractor, you will be able to opt-in to the Ridgewood Water LSLR Program beginning in June. We will advertise the project in the fall, select a contractor, and publish actual costs for property owners, at which time you can still opt-in or opt-out of the program.

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Logistics and Project Planning Issues with voluntary replacements

- Paving Projects coordination challenges
- Whack-a-mole style process with neighbors seeing neighbors' LSL replacements then Opting-in or replacing with their own contractor, so orderly scheduling is impossible
- Residents can elect to have their service line replaced at any time, so if they decide to Opt-in during Contract Year 2 and the rest of their block was completed in Contract Year 1, then there are new road openings and pavement restoration (trench patches) in subsequent years.

5 Customer Communication Issues

• Lead vs. Galvanized – why are they in same category?

Difficult to explain why NJDEP added galvanized iron to lead category. Order of magnitude difference: Ridgewood Water went from having ~200 lead service lines to replace, to ~2,000 lead + galvanized service lines to replace.

- Survey123 customers would like confirmation <u>email</u> instead of instant message of "response recorded"
- Customer Contact info how best to <u>directly</u> relay critical new information, such as final cost? (phone/email)
- Biggest Participation hurdle too many unknowns (cost, schedule, extent of restoration, trenchless vs full trench)
- Verify homes are properly grounded

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Big Ticket Items that can Blow up a Budget

- TRAFFIC CONTROL
- ROAD OPENING PERMITS / MORATORIUM PENALTIES
- INFRARED ASPHALT SURFACE REPAIR

- 7 Strategies to Increase Participation
 - "SALE OF HOME" ORDINANCE Coming Soon!
 - DOOR-TO-DOOR Outreach Challenging but Important!
 - FILLING IN high participating blocks Requires extra outreach
 - SOPs for distribution of educational materials for Minor/Major disturbances
 - Public Signage and Videos (New Jersey American Water had great examples!)

THANK YOU!

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Ridgewood Lead Service Line Replacement Program

https://leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net/

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Lead Line Replacement Program – Lessons Learned

Alexandra Wells, PE Supervising Engineer

January 2025

PVWC System Overview



Two major water supply sources providing water to almost 800,000 people between retail and wholesale customers

- <u>Wanaque Reservoir</u> treated and conveyed to PVWC by North Jersey District Water Supply Commission (NJDWSC) – annual average daily flow maximum of 35.5 MGD
- <u>Passaic River</u> treated by PVWC at the Little Falls Water Treatment Plant and pumped into distribution and to three (3) storage reservoirs -42 MGD annual average daily flow
- Total annual average daily flow = 77MGD

Retail: 650 miles of water mains, 110 miles are 16" diameter or greater

<u>Cities</u>

- Clifton
- Paterson
- Passaic
- Prospect Park
- North Arlington
- Lodi
- Post Brook
- High Crest

Wholesale: 23 towns/utilities

Program Overview

- One (1) construction contract covering four (4) geographic areas: Paterson, Clifton, Passaic and Prospect Park
 - Free to the customer
 - Local city ordinances passed allowing PVWC access to homes and identifying fines if access denied
 - 6500 lead service lines to be replaced
 - **11,000** other lines to be investigated to confirm material
- One (1) CM contract: CDM-Smith
 - Local canvassers hired to talk to customers directly
 - GIS tracking
 - Inspections
- Total Budget: \$36M (\$29M construction and \$7M CM) a loan through the SRF program
 - 77% principal forgiveness up from the initial 50% when the loan closed in June 2022



Program Overview

Project Phases

- 1 Preliminary Inspection
 - Replacement
 - Restoration



Preliminary Schedule						
Summer 2022	Begin Fall 2022, 3-year duration	60-90 days after replacement	3-year contract			
Preliminary home inspections	LSL replacements	Final property restoration	For completion of initial 6,500 LSLs			

Contract Approach

- Evaluate the geographic area being covered and see if it makes sense to divide into smaller contracts
- Local ordinances governing work hours
- Differing permitting processes
- Number of contracts and ability to manage oversight
- Subcontracting requirements vs local capability

Data Management

- Maintain history of change within database
- Allow Contractor limited access to database for Tap Card Information and real time updates
- Maintain single source of data truth
- Active push pull of data between shareholders (client, city, contractor, engineer) for near real time updates
- Update customer contact information as program progresses





Passaic Valley Water Commision									
Lead Service Line Tracking Summary									
	CLIFTON	PASSAIC	PATERSON	PROSPECT PARK	TOTAL				
Inspections									
Remaining Unknowns LSLR Program ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-				
Total Inspection Completed	740	449	484	38	1,711				
LSLR Inspection Lead Verified ⁽²⁾	57	14	23	9	103				
LSLR Inspection Unable to Verify ⁽³⁾	40	17	32	1	90				
LSLR Inspection, Non Lead Verified	436	319	221	23	999				
Photo Submission, Non Lead Verified	39	6	9		54				
Photo Submission, Lead Verified	6		2		8				
Canvass, Non Lead Verified	143	85	168	3	399				
Canvass, Lead Verified	13	4	12	-	29				
Canvass, Unable to Verify	6	4	17	2	29				
Total Inspections Attempted by Address	1,653	968	900	130	3,651				
Test Pit Program, Non Lead Verified	2,028	911	1,980	44	4,963				
Test Pit Program, Lead Verified	224	99	213	8	544				
% Found to Be Lead	10%	4%	8%	24%	8%				
Replacements									
Contract 22-B-8 Remaining ⁽⁴⁾	173	95	355	12	635				
Pacific's Non-responsive list	81	78	199	1	359				
Replaced Lead Service Lines	1,527	823	2,033	144	4,527				
% Complete	90%	90%	85%	92%	88%				
Verified Non Lead by Test Pit	355	273	718	41	1,387				
Completed Pavement Restoration	79	37	150	9	275				
Pending Pavement Restoration	94	16	69	10	189				
Completed Sidewalk Restoration	431	611	1,575	96	2,713				
Pending Sidewalk Restoration	210	108	350	15	683				
Completed Lawn Restoration	1,435	848	1,328	190	3,801				
Pending Lawn Restoration	484	119	431	11	1,045				
Completed Interior Restoration	350	207	693	21	1,271				
Pending Interior Restoration	38	13	48	3	102				
NON LEAD	22,438	8,222	23,212	1,155	55,027				
Total	22,611	8,503	23,567	1,167	55,848				

- Comparing Non-Responsive to Delinquencies
- Abandoned Properties
- Multiple Accounts

Accessing Homes

- Emphasize inspectors and contractors are not there to identify code issues
- Multiple visits to gain access may need to skip house due to lack of access and be prepared to go back
- Recruit local residents to act as ambassadors and canvassers for the program
- Use ordinances fines as applicable once other options have failed.
- Customer Service Training (Internal and External)

SECTION 1

219-11. (Reserved) Replacement of Lead Service Lines Within the City of Passaic

A. PVWC, its agents and successors are hereby authorized to enter any property within the City of Passaic to perform a lead service line replacement pursuant to P.L. 2019, c. 291, but shall not enter inv part of the property that is not directly related to performing a lead service line replacement. The service line shall include all piping and fittings connection the water main to the property, and shall include the water meter.

3. At least 72 hours before entering a property to perform a lead service line replacement, PVWC hall notify the owner of record of the property and any residents of the property of the lead service ine replacement.

2. PVWC shall make every effort to notify the owner of record of any residents of the property in person, but if the owner or residents are unable to be reached in person, PVWC shall send, by sertified mail, a notification to the owner and any residents or post a written notification in a prominent location of the property.

). The notification shall be written in both English and Spanish and shall include:

a. The scheduled date and time of the lead service line replacement;

b. Whether PVWC employees will be performing the service line replacement, and if not, the entity performing the service line replacement;

c. The extent of any water service disruptions resulting from the service line replacement;

§473-18. Penalty.

A. The Community Improvement Department ("Department") shall impose a daily fine of not more than \$250 on the owner of any property where PVWC was unable to perform a lead service line replacement because it was unable to gain access to the property. until a lead service line replacement is performed. A property owner or tenant may make application for a hardship waiver of the fine upon written notice to the Business Administrator.

B. <u>The Construction Official shall further deny the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy</u> (CO) or Certified Certificate of Occupancy (CCO) for any property until a lead service line replacement has been performed.

§ 273-43. Violations and Penalties.

- A. The owner or occupant of any property that has been determined to require a lead service line replacement shall permit PVWC, its agents, successors or contractors access to the property to perform said replacement.
- B. If the owner or occupant refuses to grant access to the property to perform the required lead service line replacement, said owner or occupant shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,250. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.
- C. If PVWC, its agents, successors, or contractors, are unable to gain access to the property in order to replace the lead service line because the owner refuses to grant access to the property, the City of Clifton will not issue a Certificate of Continued Occupancy to any commercial or industrial property prior to any change in ownership until a lead service line replacement is performed at the property owner's expense.
- D. If PVWC, its agents, successors, or contractors, are unable to gain access to the property in order to replace the lead service line because the owner refuses to grant access to the property, the City of Clifton will not issue a Dwelling Certificate to any residential property prior to any change in ownership until a lead service line replacement is performed at the property owner's expense.

 All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

3. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Accessing Homes

- Ensure your inspectors take good pre and post inspection photos
- Ensure the CM inspection group is held accountable. Perform periodic inspections by in-house team to ensure utility standards are being met.
- Recruit local residents to act as ambassadors and canvassers for the program
- Use ordinances fines as applicable once other options have failed.



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PVWC Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Passaic Valley Water Commission Lead Service Line Replacement Program is coming to an end in July 2025. Click the button below to sign up. Renters AND homeowners are eligible to participate.

Lead service lines replaced to-date

4568

CLICK HERE TO SEE IF YOU HAVE A LEAD SERVICE LINE BRINGING WATER TO YOUR HOME

LAST CHANCE: SIGN UP BY JULY 2025

📾 🕫 Passaic Valley Water Commission: Service Line Material Lookup Tool

An inspection is required to

service line. A Right of Entry

confirm that you do not have a

lead, galvanized steel, or brass

In July 2021, the state of New Jersey enacted a law that requires all community water systems to replace lead service lines by 2031. PVWC is required to notify all customers and any offsite owner of a property (e.g., landlord) when it is served by a lead or galvanized steel service line.

Residents can use this tool to look up their service line material. The portion of the service line from the water main in the street to the curb box in the sidewalk is owned by PVWC. The portion of the service line from the curb box to the water meter inside the home owner. All properties with lead or unknown service line material will be contacted to have their



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Service Line Material:

Our records indicate that the material of your service line is **Copper** on the portion of the service line you own. PVWC's service line material is **Copper**.

Program Status:

No further action is required on your part.

Restoration Status:

Road: Sidewalk: Seeding/Grass:



CODE



Wall Penetration

• Variable of Foundation Type





Figure 1-5: Basic Foundation Types
Types Of Basements By Structural Design - Openbasement



Restoration

- Active Communication with Customers regarding expectations
- Temporary restoration for public safety
- Allow settlement time prior to final sidewalk, asphalt and seeding
- Contracting flexibility (allowance items) to allow for interior restoration
 Temporary Asphalt Repair



Electrical Grounding and Stray Currents

- Many older homes have electrical service grounded to the lead water service line
- Stray currents locally can electrify the service line
- Older homes may have older services that are not compliant with current codes
- Proper PPE for work crews (rubber gloves) and protocol for determining whether the house is safe to work.

Electrical Grounding and Stray Currents

- DO NOT TOUCH the private electrical service (Property Owner Responsibility)
- Maintain electrical ground during replacement (install temporary ground before disconnecting existing ground)
- May need electrician oversight if home with electrical issues

Water Meter Replacement

- Water meters may be disturbed and impact functionality depending on the age of the meter
- Plan for replacement with inhouse crews or contractor as needed especially with older meters

Miscellaneous

- Traffic Control/ Parking
- Mark-outs and Permits
- Keeping ahead of the work

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PRODUCT DATASHEET

DESCRIPTION: Rapid Set[®] MORTAR MIX is a high-performance, fast-setting, multipurpose repair material. Durable in wet environments, MORTAR MIX is a blend of Rapid Set hydraulic cement and quality aggregates. MORTAR MIX is non-metallic and no chlorides are added. Mix MORTAR MIX with water to produce a workable, high quality mortar material that is ideal where fast strength gain, high durability and low shrinkage are desired. MORTAR MIX sets in 15 minutes and achieves structural strength in 1 hour.*

USES: Use MORTAR MIX for general and structural concrete repair, construction of pavements, stucco and plaster repair, one-coat exterior plaster, underlayments and formed work. MORTAR MIX is a versatile product that is suitable for vertical and overhead applications. For freeze thaw durability, in some geographical areas, MORTAR MIX contains an air-entraining admixture.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVANTAGES: Use MORTAR MIX to reduce your carbon footprint and lower your environmental impact. Production of Rapid Set cement emits far less CO_2 than portland cement. Contact your representative for LEED values and environmental information.

APPLICATION: Apply MORTAR MIX in thicknesses from 1/2" to 6" (1.2 cm to 15.2 cm). For thicker applications, use Rapid Set[®] Concrete Mix. Not intended for high heat applications above 300°F (149°C). For overlay applications, a minimum of one test section should be prepared to evaluate the suitability of the materials and procedures.

SURFACE PREPARATION: For repairs, application surface must be clean, sound and free from any materials that may inhibit bond, such as oil, asphalt, curing compound, acid, dirt and loose debris. Roughen surface and remove all unsound material. Apply MORTAR MIX to a thoroughly saturated surface with no standing water.

MIXING: The use of a power-driven mechanical mixer, such as a mortar mixer or a drillmounted mixer, is recommended. Organize work so that all personnel and equipment are in place before mixing. Use clean potable water. MORTAR MIX may be mixed using 3 to 5 quarts (2.8 L to 4.7 L) of water per 55-Ib (25-kg) bag. Use less water to achieve higher strengths. Do not exceed 5 quarts (4.7 L) of water per bag. For increased fluidity and workability, use Rapid Set[®] FLOW Control[®] plasticizing admixture from the Rapid Set[®] Concrete Pharmacy[®]. Place the desired quantity of mix water into the mixing container. While the mixer is running, add MORTAR MIX. Mix for the minimum amount of time required to achieve a lump-free, uniform consistency (usually 1 to 3 minutes). Do not retemper.

PLACEMENT: MORTAR MIX may be placed using traditional construction methods. Organize work so that all personnel and equipment are ready before placement. Place, consolidate and screed quickly to allow for maximum finishing time. Use a method of consolidation that eliminates air voids. Do not wait for bleed water; apply final finish as soon as possible. MORTAR MIX may be troweled, floated or broom finished. On flat work, do not install in layers. Install full-depth sections and progress horizontally. To extend working time, use Rapid Set[®] SET Control[®] retarding admixture from the Concrete Pharmacy or cold mix water. Do not install on frozen surfaces. MORTAR MIX may be applied in temperatures ranging from 45°F to 90°F (7°C to 32°C).

OVERVIEW

Highlights:

Fast: Sets in 15 minutes, structural strength in 1 hour*

Durable: Formulated for long life in critical applications

Structural: For repair and new construction

Multi-purpose: Use for concrete repairs, wall repairs, stucco repairs, one-coat exterior plaster, underlayments, floors, formed work, and more

Conforms to:

ASTM: C928, C387

State and Local Approvals

MasterFormat® 2016

03 01 30	Maintenance of Cast-in-Place Concrete
03 01 40	Maintenance of Precast Concrete
03 01 50	Maintenance of Cast Decks & Underlayment
03 01 70	Maintenance of Mass Concrete
03 01 70 03 54 16	Maintenance of Mass Concrete Hydraulic Cement Underlayment
03 01 70 03 54 16 04 01 00	Maintenance of Mass Concrete Hydraulic Cement Underlayment Maintenance of Masonry
03 01 70 03 54 16 04 01 00 09 24 23	Maintenance of Mass Concrete Hydraulic Cement Underlayment Maintenance of Masonry Cement Stucco

Manufacturer:

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CURING: Water cure all Rapid Set[®] MORTAR MIX installations by keeping exposed surfaces wet for a minimum of 1 hour. Begin curing as soon as the surface starts to lose its moist sheen. When experiencing extended setting time due to cold temperature or the use of retarder, longer curing times may be required. The objective of water curing shall be to maintain a continuously wet surface until the product has achieved sufficient strength.

COLD WEATHER: Environmental and material temperatures below 70°F (21°C) may delay setting time and reduce the rate of strength gain. Lower temperatures will have a more pronounced effect. Thinner sections will be more significantly affected. To compensate for cold temperatures, keep material warm, use heated mix water, and follow ACI 306 Procedures for Cold Weather Concreting.

WARM WEATHER: Environmental and material temperatures above 70°F (21°C) may speed setting time and increase the rate of strength gain. Higher temperatures will have a more pronounced effect. To compensate for warm temperatures, keep material cool, use chilled mix water, and follow ACI 305 Procedures for Hot Weather Concreting. The use of Rapid Set[®] SET Control[®] retarding admixture from the Rapid Set[®] Concrete Pharmacy will help offset the effects of high temperatures.

YIELD & PACKAGING: MORTAR MIX is available in 55-lb and 25-lb (25-kg and 11.3-kg) sizes. One 55-lb (25-kg) bag of MORTAR MIX will yield approximately 0.5 ft³.

SHELF LIFE: MORTAR MIX has a shelf life of 12 months when stored properly in a dry location, protected from moisture, out of direct sunlight, and in an undamaged package.

USER RESPONSIBILITY: Before using CTS products, read current technical data sheets, bulletins, product labels and safety data sheets. It is the user's responsibility to review instructions and warnings for any CTS products prior to use.

WARNING: DO NOT BREATHE DUST. AVOID CONTACT WITH SKIN AND EYES. Use material in well-ventilated areas only. Exposure to cement dust may irritate eyes, nose, throat, and the upper respiratory system/lungs. Silica exposure by inhalation may result in the development of lung injuries and pulmonary diseases, including silicosis and lung cancer. Seek medical treatment if you experience difficulty breathing while using this product. The use of a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator (P-, N- or R-95) is recommended to minimize inhalation of cement dust. Eat and drink only in dust-free areas to avoid ingesting cement dust. Skin contact with dry material or wet mixtures may result in bodily injury ranging from moderate irritation and thickening/cracking of skin to severe skin damage from chemical burns. If irritation or burning occurs, seek medical treatment. Protect eyes with goggles or safety glasses with side shields. Cover skin with protective clothing. Use chemical resistant gloves and waterproof boots. In case of skin contact with cement dust, immediately wash off dust with soap and water to avoid skin damage. In case of skin contact with wet concrete, wash exposed skin areas with cold running water as soon as possible. In case of eye contact with cement dust, flush immediately and repeatedly with clean water, and consult a physician. If wet concrete splashes into eyes, rinse eyes with clean water for at least 15 minutes and go to the hospital for further treatment.

Please refer to the SDS and www.CTScement.com for additional safety information regarding this material.

LIMITED WARRANTY: CTS CEMENT MANUFACTURING CORP. (CTS) warrants its materials to be of good quality and, at its option, will replace or refund the purchase price of any material proven to be defective within one (1) year from date of purchase. The above remedies shall be the limit of CTS's responsibility. Except for the foregoing, all warranties expressed or implied, including merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are excluded. CTS shall not be liable for any consequential, incidental, or special damages arising directly or indirectly from the use of the materials.

△ WARNING

CANCER and REPRODUCTIVE HARM - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

TYPICAL PHYSICAL DATA

Set	Time	ASTM	C266
JCL	THIE,	ASTIN	0200

Initial set	15 minutes
Final set	35 minutes

Compressive Strength, ASTM C109 Mod.**

1 hour*	2500 psi (17.2 MPa)
3 hours	4000 psi (27.6 MPa)
24 hours	5000 psi (34.5 MPa)
7 days	5500 psi (37.9 MPa)
28 days	6500 psi (44.8 MPa)

Slant Shear Bond Strength, ASTM C882 Mod. per C928

24 hours	1200 psi (8.27 MPa)
28 days	2200 psi (15.2 MPa)

Splitting Tensile, ASTM C496 Mod.**

28 days	550 psi (3.79 MPa)
7 days	450 psi (3.10 MPa)

Flexural Strength, ASTM C348 Mod**

550 psi (3.79 MPa)

28 days

Freeze Thaw, C666

Durability factor 95%

Length Change, ASTM C157 Mod. per C928 (max)

28 days in air -0.04

28 days in water 0.02

**Data obtained at flow consistency 100 by ASTM C1437 at 70°F (21°C)





WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

New Jersey Water Bank

Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Funding



WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT





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Funding New Jersey Water Infrastructure



Principal Forgiveness, and Grants for High Priority Projects and Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)



History of Lead Funding!

Since State Fiscal Year 2021, the NJ Water Bank has funded **\$338 million dollars** for lead service line replacement projects.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) made approximately **\$500 million available for LSLR projects through SFY27**, 49% of which must be provided as principal forgiveness to DACs.

To date, **\$67 million of BIL funds have been obligated**, including \$25 million in principal forgiveness.





WIIP Spending Dashboard

https://dep.nj.gov/wiip/spending-dashboard/

Drinking Water Project Map



Project Funding Breakdown

32,921,079

35M

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30M

Total FY 2025 Water Bank Drinking Water Funding Sources Awarded & Funding Amounts Expected to be Awarded



In New Jersey, applicants that meet either of the following two criteria are considered to have satisfied the State's SRF Affordability Criteria and are considered Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). **Check the most up to date Intended Use Plan to determine eligibility for your project.**

Lowest quartile of municipal Affordability Scores (86.19)

Based on Median Household Income (MHI), unemployment, and population change

80 Environmental Justice Economic Overburdened Community Criteria points

80

What is a

DAC?

25%

If at least 35% of the households served by the project, on a municipal basis, qualify as low-income households In New Jersey, applicants that meet either of the following two criteria are considered to have satisfied the State's SRF Affordability Criteria and are considered Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). **Check the most up to date Intended Use Plan to determine eligibility for your project.**



What is a

DAC?

SFY25 and SFY 26 Proposed Lead Service Line **Replacement (LSLR) Funding Packages**

Funding Package for Lead Service Line Replacement AC2 up to \$20M



Funding Package for Lead Service Line Replacement w/o Affordability Criteria



I-Bank Loan Share (AAA Market Rate) 20%

Enhanced Funding for

Non-Disadvantaged

Communities



Technical Assistance for DACs

States have flexibility to use BIL set-aside for program implementation. NJDEP will be using these funds towards our Technical Assistance Program.

Focus to assist facilities that:

- Serve Disadvantaged Communities with Lead, PFAS, and SDWA compliance issues, CSOs, sewer infrastructure rehab and upgrades, and more.
- May lack sufficient resources to perform full assessment of needs (e.g. LSLIs, AMPs, CIPs)
- May lack financial, managerial, and/or community support for infrastructure projects and require assistance with stakeholder outreach & engagement.
- May not be aware of funding opportunities or lack familiarity and comfort with navigating Water Bank program application processes.
- May need eventual engineering services to assist with planning and design.



Program Navigation



Financial and Needs Assessments



Community Engagement



Engineering Services (DW only)



Technical Assistance for DACs

Participants in the CWSRF and DWSRF Technical Assistance Programs qualify for up to \$2 million in grants for planning and design and guaranteed principal forgiveness for a resulting capital improvement project.

https://dep.nj.gov/wiip/njwb-process/technicalassistance-info/technical-assistance/



New Planning and Design Grants

(\$60 million total) for sponsors participating in the DW and CW Technical Assistance Programs.

100% Grant Funding \$2 Million Cap per Project



Guaranteed funds for capital improvement projects

(\$60 million total) for sponsors participating in the DW and CW Technical Assistance Programs.

100% Principal Forgiveness

\$2 Million Cap per Project



State Revolving Fund (SRF) Process

STEP 1: Create Project

STEP 2: Submission of Project via H2L0ans



STEP 3: Submission of Letter of Intent Including the Project Report

> **STEP 4:** Submission of Loan Application Including Engineering Design – Plans & Spécifications

> > **Step 5:** Submission of SED Participation During Planning & Design for Contracting Agencies OEO-001 Form



SRF Process - Step 3

Project Report

A complete Project Report includes three components:

- Preliminary Engineering
 Requirements
- Environmental Planning
- Cultural Resource Requirements.





SRF Process - Step 4

Development Of Project Design And Submittal Of Complete Loan Application





Program Resources





SRF Applicant Guidance (nj.gov) NJDEP | Water Infrastructure Investment Plan | Resources



Updated Requirements for Funding: Engineering Agreement

The engineering agreement Scope of Work must now include:

- Full time inspection of each service line replacement
- There are new requirements for site inspection reports for each service line replacement, which must be submitted to the NJDEP monthly during the life of the project.
- Monthly payment applications must include a table containing a line-item summary of the work performed and being billed for. This table will list all addresses worked on in said pay period.



Updated Requirements for Funding: New Inspection Report Fields

Pre-Replacement Images of Curb/Meter/Main	Post-Replacement Images of Curb/Meter/Main	Date Work Performed	Type of Replacement/Verification Performed
Site Coordinates	Contractor That Performed Replacement	Material Found at Curb/Meter/Main	Material Replaced at Curb/Meter/Main
Site Address	Resident Project Engineer Name	And more fields Outlined in site inspection report template	



Updated Requirements for Funding: Site Inspection Pictures



Photographs of each replacement including:

- Preconstruction condition of the worksite
- Excavated curb stop to document the materials and condition of the existing utility-side and customer side service lines.
- Clear documentation of the completed service replacement
- Photograph(s) must include geographic coordinates.
- Photographs must conform to the NJDEP-established standards (See picture on left).
- For photographs of both pre-construction and postconstruction service line replacements, a minimum of 2 feet of line must be visible after each connection or valve for both homeowner side and utility (main) side replacements.



Updated Requirements for Funding: Site Inspection Pictures

Diagram 3.1 – Scope of Standardized Site Pictures





Updated Requirements for Funding: Construction Phase NJWB Procedures



- Increased frequency of NJDEP inspection to ensure that the requirements listed in Engineering Agreement are being followed
- Comprehensive NJDEP review of loanee submitted inspection reports to ensure that proper inspection procedures are being followed
- Review of submitted contractor's invoices/spreadsheets to ensure that address specific information for each LSLR has been submitted (must be in excel format).





• Code



Quick FAQ!

If a water system does not own any of the service lines in the service area, what is the system's responsibility for replacement?

Regardless of who owns the service line (customer vs water system), the water system is responsible for ensuring that these lines are replaced and must create a plan to do so. In practice, this means that water systems must set up a service line replacement program and offer to replace the service lines on behalf of the customer. The water system is not responsible for paying for the portion of the service line that they do not own.

How far must the service line be replaced into the home? Where does premise plumbing start?

All lead portions of the service line must be removed. In most cases, the lead service line portion may extend into the property at a minimum of three (3) feet after the building inlet. In properties where the meter extends beyond three (3ft), the lead line shall be replaced past the meter and up to the shut-off value.

EPA has placed restrictions on funding galvanized service line replacements using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds. Will DWSRF be able to fund my galvanized service line project?

EPA has instructed all states that FFY24 and future Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds for Lead are only to be used for lead service lines, or galvanized service lines that were previously or currently downstream of lead. However, NJDEP has remaining funds from previous fiscal year allocations that can be used for galvanized service line replacements, as well as other packages should those funds not be available. If a water system has specific questions about funding available to them for a project, please reach out to schedule a meeting to discuss further.



Questions?

Ask away!

Email us at waterbankinfo@nj.dep.gov