

Jersey City's water is safe

Please be advised that the water supplied to JCMUA customers is tested regularly and continues to be in compliance with all state and federal lead levels. However, many older homes were built with lead pipes connecting them to the city's water systems. That's why the JCMUA is launching this new program to proactively remove all lead service lines, before there is any threat to residents' health.

Lead is a national challenge

Up to 10 million households in the United States have lead pipes and service lines, and there are an estimated 350,000 lead service lines in New Jersey, among the highest of any state. Local, state and federal governments throughout the country are acting now to remove lead service lines.



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Lead Service Pipe Replacement Program




Protecting Jersey City residents. One pipe at a time.


Jersey City is taking proactive steps to protect residents by replacing all lead service lines over the next decade through the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority's new Lead Free JC Program.


There are an estimated 16,000 lead service lines (pipes that connect the underground water main to the home) in Jersey City. The Jersey City MUA's goal is to replace all lead service lines by June 2031 at no direct cost to homeowners or renters by working to secure state and federal grant funding for the program.



Here's what it means for you:

 Beginning in February 2022, all residents with known lead service lines will receive a certified letter notifying them that they currently have a lead service line that will be replaced.

 Additionally, you can look up your address now at leadfreejc.com to check if your home has a lead service line.

 Jersey City MUA expects to replace over 1,000 lead service lines per year. Properties will be prioritized based on factors including but not limited to the targeting of known lead service lines, lead service line replacement for disadvantaged consumers and populations most sensitive to the effects of lead, in accordance with federal regulations.

All properties with known lead services lines will automatically be scheduled for replacement over the next 10 years. For questions or concerns, call JCMUA's customer support at (201) 365-6189. You can also visit leadfreejc.com to check if you have a lead service line.

What are lead service lines and why is it important to replace them?

Lead service lines are pipes that transport water from the main under the street into homes or businesses. Because the pipes are made of lead, they create the potential for future lead exposure. Removing them will ensure that residents are safe.

How can I find out if I have a lead service line?

All residents with known lead service lines will receive a certified letter with more information, and you can also look up your address at leadfreejc.com to see if your property has one. All known lead service lines will be replaced by JCMUA.

If I have a lead service line, what should I do?

Just because you have an identified lead service line in your home does not mean that you have any lead in your water. The drinking water provided by JCMUA is tested regularly and continues to be in compliance with all state and federal lead levels. However, a lead service line disturbance can cause lead exposure, and JCMUA will provide water filtration pitchers in the event of a potential lead exposure. For more information visit leadfreejc.com

What should I do if my property is listed as "unknown?"

You can check to see if you have a lead service line by following our step-by-step guide at leadfreejc.com. JCMUA is working to identify all lead service lines in the system and is continually updating the lead inventory.

How are the lead service lines replaced?

Lead service lines are dug up by a licensed plumber. They are most-often replaced with copper pipes, however the actual material choice will depend on site characteristics, installation approach, and local codes.

How long will it take to complete this project?

All lead service lines will be replaced within the next ten years.

What will this cost?

The program is projected to cost \$288 million over the next ten years, however the JCMUA has applied for numerous state and federal grants, infrastructure funding and no interest loans to reduce the costs of the project.

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