



Ordinance & Funding for Private Side Lead and Galvanized Water Service Replacement

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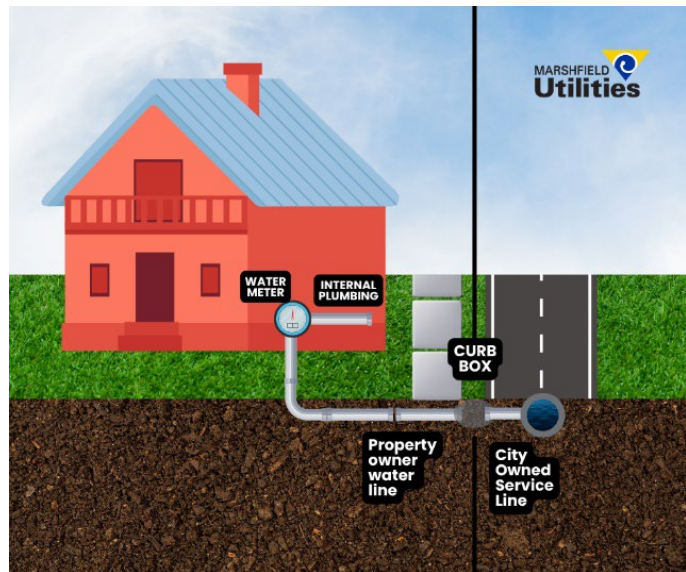
(Marshfield, WI) **Marshfield, WI** – At the July 8 Common Council meeting, the first reading of **Ordinance No. 1533** was completed. The ordinance proposes to create Section 14-03 of the Marshfield Municipal Code, requiring the replacement of **lead and galvanized water service lines** within the City of Marshfield.

This proactive step aligns with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations mandating full replacement of lead and galvanized water service lines by the mid-2030s. The ordinance ensures property owners can take advantage of available funding and a designated contractor.

In 2016, Marshfield Utilities identified 346 private-side lead water service lines. As of today, only 93 known private-side lead water service lines remain to be replaced. Property owners who still have private-side lead water service lines will be notified via mail in the coming weeks.

Key Information:

- **What's covered?** The ordinance requires replacement of the lead and galvanized water service lines from the curb stop (near the sidewalk) to the water meter inside the property (as known as private-side lead and galvanized water service lines). Interior household piping and sewer laterals are not included in this ordinance.
- **Cost to homeowners:** Replacement (valued around \$7,000) is covered by available funding. Property owners will be responsible for curb stop replacement if needed, typically around \$325.
- **Who qualifies?** Funding is available to all property owners, regardless of income.
- **Contractor:** Marshfield Utilities has secured **Van Rite Plumbing** (Green Bay) to complete the work. Property owners may use their own contractor but would be responsible for the full cost if not using the approved provider.
- **Future compliance:** The ordinance ensures any future discovery of lead and galvanized service lines is addressed promptly to comply with federal regulations.



The **second reading** and public comment session will take place on **July 22, 2025, at the Common Council meeting**. Residents with questions may contact **Marshfield Utilities at 715-387-1195**.

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