



Lead Water Service Line Replacement Program

INCOME-ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS CAN RECEIVE GRANTS UP TO \$5,000 FOR REPLACING LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES

The D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program assists low-income homeowners in replacing lead service pipes. A water service pipe connects the water main to your household plumbing. The material of water service pipes can vary from home to home in the District, and some households may still have lead service pipes. In most cases, a portion of this pipe is in public space (DC Water and Sewer Authority's responsibility) and a portion is on private property (property owner's responsibility).

The DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) offers a program to coordinate and replace lead service pipes in public space when homeowners choose to replace the portion on private property. DHCD may provide up to \$5,000 in grant funding to low-income homeowners to replace a lead service pipe on private property. These funds are available at no cost to you, but are available only in cases where DC Water is replacing the portion of the lead service pipe in public space. Whether DC Water has already replaced the public portion of your service pipe or will be doing so soon, you may be able to take advantage of this program. To be eligible to apply for this program, you must (1) own your home, (2) be current on District and federal taxes, and (3) meet the following DHCD income eligibility guidelines:

80% of Median Income

Household Size and Income Limits (as of February 13, 2012)							
Household Size							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Household Income							
\$49,200	\$56,200	\$63,250	\$70,250	\$75,900	\$81,500	\$87,150	\$92,750

How it works:

DC Water will estimate the cost of replacing the private portion of your lead service pipe and hire a contractor. The contractor will contact you and arrange a time to replace the lead service pipe, which includes connecting the pipe to the water service connection inside your home.

If you apply for and are approved for the DHCD program, DHCD will enter into a grant agreement with you. DHCD will provide up to \$5,000 directly to DC Water for the cost of replacing your service pipe plus the cost of basic restoration to the exterior of your home – for example, filling in the trench over the line, reseeding the lawn, patching driveways and repairing the exterior wall where the service pipe enters your home. Note that this grant program does not cover the cost of repairs to the interior of your home, such as replacing drywall or repainting interior surfaces that are disturbed during the water service connection. It also does not cover the cost of exterior restoration, such as patio repairs, sod replacement or other landscaping. You will be responsible for any expenses billed to you by DC Water that exceed



the amount of the grant provided by DHCD. All replacement agreements are between you and DC Water. DHCD simply pays the costs you incur.

To obtain an application and information, please contact Ms. Jean Washington at 202-442-7154 or jean.washington@dc.gov. For questions about the DC Water Lead Service Replacement Program, please contact 202-354-3600 or lead@dcwater.com.

