

## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Water Department 250 Fresh Pond Parkway Cambridge, Mass. 02138



## IMPORTANT WATER SERVICE MATERIAL VERIFICATION AND LEAD LINE UPGRADE NOTICE

## (If you are a tenant please forward this notice to the property owner)

As part of the DPW Gore Street Reconstruction Project, Newport Construction under direction from the Cambridge Water Department (CWD), has begun the Gore Street Water Main Replacement. The contractor will be replacing the water main along Gore St. from Second St. to Seventh St. During this project all water service laterals will be disconnected from the old water main and reconnected to the new water main. At that time any lead-lined or non-copper service lateral piping will be upgraded to copper from the new water main to the meter inside the house. If you have received this notice, your water service lateral is within this scope of work. Attached is a list of each properties service pipe information according to our records. Please note that some of our records date back over a hundred years and therefore the information we have may be inaccurate. We highly recommend that all property owners go and physically verify that our records match the existing service material type. If it does not match or you are unsure, call Bill Connell at 617-349-4787 to schedule an appointment for one of our inspectors to come by and check it for you. If it is confirmed that our records are correct and your service is already copper, there is no need for any further action on your part. We will contact you if or when any work needs to be done that would affect your water service. If it is verified you have a lead or other non-copper service, please see below for additional information.

## **LEAD SERVICE LINE – Additional Information and Instructions**

If your property has a lead or non-copper service, please note as defined by City Ordinance, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the water service from the meter all the way to the water main in the street, at their own expense. However, removal of all lead services within the Water Distribution system is a high priority and therefore CWD has opted to have Newport Construction upgrade any lead services within the project scope, in their entirety, **at no cost to the owner!** If the property owner takes no exceptions to Newport Construction replacing the private property portion of the service line, please email **Jack Murry**, with the City's consultant STV, at **John.Murry@STVinc.com** to schedule an appointment for the property owner to meet a project representative to review and sign a **Right of Entry form**.

Sincerely,

Mark Gallagher
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