



## **AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WATER SERVICE**

As you may know, a contractor for the City of Hoboken is conducting work on the City's water distribution system along the following streets as part of the Water Infrastructure Upgrades project. All efforts are being taken to minimize any inconvenience to you during construction.

1. Jefferson Street between 8th Street and 9th Street –approximately 450 linear feet
2. Bloomfield Street between 2nd Street and 4th Street -approximately 1,000 linear feet
3. Garden Street between 3rd Street and 5th Street - approximately 850 linear feet
4. Monroe Street between 3rd Street and 4th Street - approximately 950 linear feet
5. Monroe Street between 8th Street and 11th Street - approximately 1,400 linear feet
6. Jefferson Street between 10th Street and 11th Street -approximately 450 linear feet
7. Garden Street between 12th Street and 14th Street - approximately 810 linear feet Street
8. Garden Street between Observer Highway and 2nd Street -approximately 1,125 linear feet

<https://www.hobokennj.gov/resources/drinking-water-infrastructure-upgrades-phase-1>

Please note that it is anticipated that approximately 1/3 of the service lines, the pipe from the meter in your home or building to the water main, may be made of lead. As part of the project, the contractor will replace any lead service lines from the water main to the curb box with a new copper service line. However, the contractor will not replace the portion of the service line from the curb box to the water meter, as this portion is owned by the property owner.

The contractor will identify those service lines that are made of lead when they install the new curb boxes. If it is determined that you have a lead service line, you will be notified by a separate letter. It will then be up to the property owner to upgrade the service line from the curb box to the water meter if they choose to do so.

Lead service lines can increase your risk of exposure to lead through drinking water. The project contractor and Suez will conduct extensive flushing of any lead service line to reduce the possibility that lead will be released into the water during construction, but please take the following steps to further minimize your potential exposure:

- Do not consume tap water, open hot water faucets, or use icemaker or filtered water dispenser until after flushing is complete.
- After an initial flush of the replaced service line is complete: 1. Remove faucet aerators (screens) from all cold water taps in the home; 2. Beginning in the lowest level of the home, fully open the cold water taps throughout the home; 3. Let the water run for at least 30 minutes at the last tap you opened (top floor); 4. Turn off each tap starting with the taps in the highest level of the home; 5. Be sure to run water in bathtubs and showers as well as faucets.
- On the day that your new water connection is made, the City will provide units in each property identified to have a lead service line with a water pitcher that contains a filter that is effective in removing lead from drinking water. Where possible, the water pitcher will be delivered in person or will be left outside your unit door. If the City is unable to access your home or building you may pick up your pitcher from City Hall, at the Parking Utility customer service window, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 9:30 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Please further note that in order to minimize lead exposure to residents/units within your building and to coordinate the flushing of the service line, a notice that outlines the flushing process as described above will be distributed to separate residents or units within your building.

Again, if it is determined during construction that you have a lead service line, you will be notified by separate letter at that time and you will again be provided with instructions to minimize potential exposure. This letter is being provided to notify you of the possibility that your property may have a lead service line. Additional information on lead in drinking water can be found on the Suez website at [www.mysuezwater.com/lead](http://www.mysuezwater.com/lead).

Information on the Water Infrastructure Upgrades project can be found at <https://www.hobokennj.gov/resources/drinking-water-infrastructure-upgrades-phase-1>. You may also contact the City Engineering Division at [water@hobokennj.gov](mailto:water@hobokennj.gov). Thank you for your cooperation and attention.