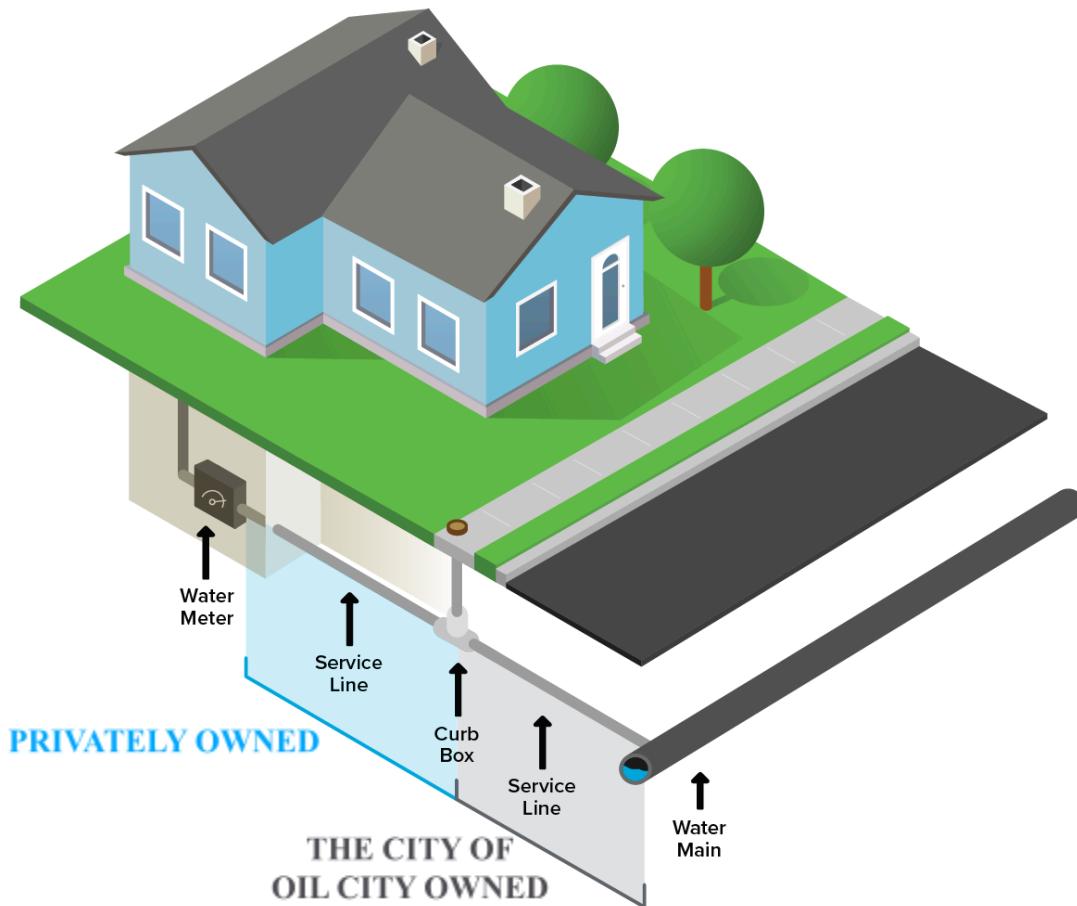


WHO OWNS YOUR WATER SERVICE LINE?

As shown in the diagram, the portion of your water line that runs between the water main and your curb box belongs to the City of Oil City. The portion between the curb box and your water meter belongs to you.



During construction projects and city owned water service line replacements, we will locate and replace the portions of lead water service lines that we own. We also want to determine if the portions of the water lines that belong to our customers are made of lead, because we want to guide homeowners to replace those portions as well. If this occurs, we will meet with you in person to go over information regarding your service line and we will provide you with pamphlets to help with the process and a water filter.

WHICH FILTERS OR PRODUCTS REDUCE LEAD?

Filtration products certified to remove lead from drinking water

Pitcher filter or point-of-use device that is certified to NSF/ANSI 53

Faucets that are certified to NSF/ANSI 61 (leaching of lead and other contaminants) and NSF 372 (lead content < 0.25%).

PEX pipe that is certified to NSF/ANSI 14 (including NSF 61)

Fittings for PEX pipe that are certified to NSF/ANSI 14 (including NSF 61)

FLUSHING HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING TO REDUCE LEAD

After we work on your water line, you will need to flush your household plumbing for at least 30 minutes. It is also good to flush your service lines periodically if you have lead, even if you haven't done service line work.

1. After the service line is returned to service but before using the water for consumption, remove and clean all faucet aerators, flush your service line and all internal plumbing by opening all taps and letting the water run for at least 30 minutes, and re-install the cleaned aerators.
2. To conserve water instead of simply running the water for 30 minutes, other household/non-potable water usage activities such as washing clothes, showering, flushing the toilet and running the dishwasher are effective methods of flushing the pipes.
3. After the initial flush, run the water for 3-5 minutes before using and use cold water for cooking and drinking to reduce your exposure to lead in the water.
4. In addition to flushing the lines, you are being provided with a pitcher filter that is certified to remove lead and six months of replacement cartridges. This filter may be used for water that will be used for drinking and cooking.

BEFORE WATER CONSUMPTION

Before anyone in your house drinks water or turns on the hot water in any faucets, you will need to follow these steps to flush out your faucets, bathtubs, and showers.

- Throw away any ice in your freezer. If you have an automatic ice maker, shut it off.
Tip: Do not use any filtered water from your refrigerator or any other source until you complete the flushing.



- Unscrew and remove the aerators from all of your sinks and taps.
Tip: If your aerator is difficult to remove, you may need to use a pair of pliers.
- Once your aerators are removed, separate the parts and remove any debris. Soak the parts in white vinegar and scrub them with a brush.
- Starting at the lowest level of your home and working your way up, fully turn on all the cold water taps in your sinks, tubs, and showers.
Tip: Make sure to turn on any taps and hose spigots on the outside of your house as well.
- After you turn on the last tap, allow the water to run for at least 30 minutes.
- Starting at the highest level of your home and working your way down, shut off each of your water taps.

To remove any potential debris from construction and minimize your exposure to lead in your water, it is important that you thoroughly flush your household plumbing.

Please be advised that lead levels in your water may be elevated for up to six months following construction.

For questions or concerns you may have, please contact The City of Oil City Engineering Department at:

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