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## WAIVER OF COMPLETE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

You are receiving this form because your property has been identified by your community water supply (CWS) as being served by a lead service line or galvanized service line located downstream of lead and you are refusing to allow the community water supply (CWS) to replace your entire service line.

The purpose of this form is to provide you, the property owner, with information necessary to make an informed decision about replacing your service line. In accordance with the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act, Public Act 102-0613, the owner or operator of your CWS is required to replace your lead service line in its entirety, including any portion of the service line running on private property and within the building's plumbing at the first shut-off valve or 18 inches inside the building, whichever is shorter. If you deny the CWS the ability to perform a complete lead service line replacement, then you, the property owner, must sign this waiver form in accordance with 415 ILCS 5/17.12 (ff)(1)(D) and 17.12 (ii).

The following items should be considered by property owners regarding lead service line replacement:

- **Lead service lines and galvanized service lines downstream of lead can be significant contributors of lead contamination in drinking (tap) water through the corrosion of these materials.** Service lines are pipes that carry drinking water from the CWS water main to a home or building. A study published by American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Research Foundation (2008) "Contributions of Service Line and Plumbing Fixtures to Lead and Copper Rule Compliance Issues" (Sandvig et al, 2008) estimates that 50% – 75% of lead in drinking water comes from lead service lines.
- **Lead is a toxic metal that is harmful to human health even at low exposure levels.** Young children are particularly vulnerable to lead. The adverse health effects of lead exposure include damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems, hearing and speech problems, lower IQ, decreased ability to pay attention, and underperformance in school. Please see the CDC's website, <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/prevention/health-effects.htm> for additional information regarding health effects of lead.
- **Partial lead service line replacements can increase lead levels for long periods of time.** Partial lead service line replacement means replacement of only a portion of a lead service line or a galvanized service line downstream of lead. Following a partial lead service line replacement, lead levels increase and construction activities such as digging and cutting release particulate lead. Particulate lead is a concern because the lead content can be very high. Additionally, new materials from partial lead service line replacements can increase corrosion or create galvanic corrosion.
- **Property owners of nonresidential properties or properties operating as rental property have responsibilities under the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act after denial of complete lead service line replacement.** In accordance with 415 ILCS 5/17.12 (ff), owners of nonresidential buildings or a residence operating as a rental property shall be responsible for installing and maintaining certified point-of-use filters for the reduction of lead (NSF/ANSI Standard 53) and

particulates (NSF/ANSI Standard 42) at all plumbing fixtures intended to supply water for the purposes of drinking, food preparation, or making baby formula until such time that the property owner has affected the remaining portions of the lead or galvanized service line to be replaced.

- ***Unsafe conditions and knowledge of the remaining lead piping must be disclosed appropriately.*** Waiver or denial of complete replacement of a lead service line may create unsafe concentrations of lead and/or unsafe conditions relating to the remaining lead water pipe. If the property is a residential real property as defined by the Residential Real Property Disclosure Act (765 ILCS 77/5), appropriate disclosure shall be made at any transfer of sale, exchange, installment land sale contract, assignment of beneficial interest, lease with an option to purchase, ground lease, or assignment of ground lease.
- ***Service lines are plumbing and are required to be replaced by individuals authorized by the Plumbing License Law (225 ILCS 320/3).*** Service lines are plumbing as defined by the Plumbing License Law (225 ILCS 320/3). As plumbing, service lines are required to be repaired, replaced, and installed by authorized individuals and in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Plumbing Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 890).
- ***If the property is operating as a childcare operation, there are additional requirements regarding lead in drinking water under Department of Family and Children Services (DCFS) licensing standards.*** Under DCFS licensing standards, changes in water profile including changes to the water service line require retesting of the drinking water for presence of lead. Where lead is detected at or above DCFS's action level, a mitigation plan to reduce the concentration of lead is required.

More information about lead in drinking water and the effects of lead can be found at IDPH's website: <https://dph.illinois.gov>.

In consideration of the above information, IDPH strongly recommends you allow your CWS to replace your lead service line in its entirety. If you choose to waive and deny a complete lead service line replacement at your property, this form must be completed and returned to your CWS. Sections 1,2, and 3 of this form are to be completed by the CWS and Sections 4 and 5 of this form are to be completed by, you, the property owner of the affected property.

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Sections 1, 2, and 3 must be completed by the CWS prior to providing the form to the property owner.

<b>SECTION 1: COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION</b>	
CWS Name	ID Number
Phone	Email
CWS Mailing Address	
CWS City	Zip Code
<b>SECTION 2: SERVICE LINE ACTIVITY INFORMATION</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Replacement	Date of Activity
<b>SECTION 3: AFFECTED PROPERTY</b>	
Street Address	
City	Zip Code

Sections 4 and 5 must be completed by the owner of the affected building identified above and returned to the community water supply.

<b>SECTION 4: Property Owner Information</b>	
Full Name (First Name Last Name)	
Phone	Email
<b>SECTION 5: DENIAL OF COMPLETE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> By signing this waiver, I acknowledge that I am the property owner of the affected property located at the address listed in Section 3 of this form and I have been informed by the CWS that my property has a lead service line. I have read and understand the information provided within this waiver regarding the hazards of lead in drinking water, partial lead service line replacement, and Illinois laws about responsibilities of property owners for providing filters, disclosing the presence of lead water service lines, and requirements for child care facilities.	
<input type="checkbox"/> By signing this waiver, I acknowledge that I am waiving the community water supply's requirement to replace my lead service line in its entirety. I acknowledge that this waiver will result in a partial lead service line replacement and it may be unsafe to drink, cook with, or otherwise consume water from the tap, unless it has been filtered with a filter certified to meet NSF/ANSI Standard 53 and 42.	
Signature	Date

All parties should retain a copy of this form for their records. The Community Water Supply must also provide notification to IDPH using the electronic forms located at <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/lead-in-water.html>.