




# FACT SHEET

## LEAD LINE REPLACEMENT

### CITY OF LESLIE



#### **Why is there a sticker on the back of my water bill?**



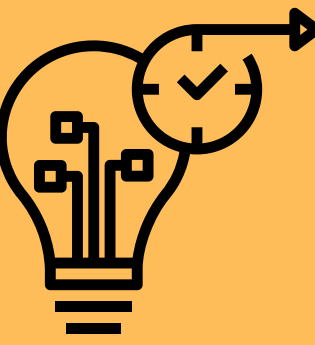
Leslie has lead service lines that supply some homes within the City. Leslie City has performed lead and copper sampling every year, for many years. In the fall of 2021, Leslie City had a lead exceedance that triggered the action level. Staff started working on a resolution to find out why those homes were in exceedance. Those households with exceedances had their service line replaced. To meet EGLE legal requirements, the sticker had to be placed on your water bill. All water connections had to be notified regardless of what type of service line they had. Stickers will not be required to be on future bills as long as Leslie's water tests show no exceedances.

#### **What actions has the City of Leslie taken ?**

Public education has been made available, water filters are available for eligible households, and town hall meetings have been held. Leslie City Council and Leslie staff have taken a very aggressive approach to remove all lead service lines.



#### **What actions have been taken by EGLE?**



EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, formerly Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) required the City of Leslie to start sampling 20 homes every 6 months and replace 7% of the lead service lines annually. The City has already replaced over 80 service lines.

#### **Other actions taken?**

Leslie staff worked with EGLE, as well as our water treatment product supplier for the water plant, on why Leslie had exceedances. The phosphate that was being added when the new water plant was built was a 60% poly 40% ortho blend, which the poly cleans to some extent. Leslie has a very old water supply system that needs continuous maintenance and a big portion replaced. Working with EGLE, we switched the phosphate to a 90% ortho 10% poly which coats the water supply system more effectively. (sealing the lead from leaching off).

Since the phosphate change in 2022, Leslie has completed 3 six-month sampling periods with no exceedances. Leslie has 1 more six-month sample to perform and will be back on normal sampling of 10 homes per year.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

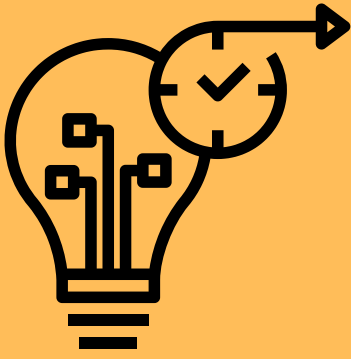
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### Moving forward:



Leslie staff test City water every day, performs water quality test every two weeks, and performs Bacterial testing monthly. In addition, multiple other water tests are performed annually that get sent to the state drinking water lab to be analyzed. All the tests meet EPA and EGLE standards set by the safe drinking water act. Our water is Safe to drink.

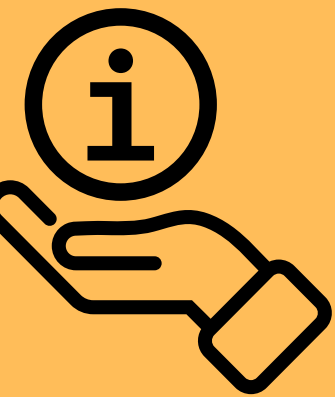
### Is our water safe to drink?

Yes! All public water systems in the United States are required to follow the standards and regulations set by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



### How can I find out more information?

The best way to find out what's happening in our City is to attend council meetings (3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm) Can't make it to a meeting? Ask us! Leslie Public Works staff will gladly explain sampling procedures, water system, test results, or any general questions related to utilities. Email or call our City Manager: 517.589.8236 x 104 -or- [Manager@cityofleslie.org](mailto:Manager@cityofleslie.org)



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