



September 27, 2024

Current Olympia Fields Property Owner

Re: Lead Service Line Replacement Notice

Dear Property Owner:

The Village of Olympia Fields is committed to providing its residents with high-quality water that is clean, safe, and reliable. Our water, which we purchase from the Village of Oak Lawn, is derived from Lake Michigan. It comes to us fully treated and tested for contaminants. Once it gets to us, we test and treat our water daily, and in compliance with state and federal drinking water regulations, the Department of Public Works (DPW) conducts annual lead and copper sampling of tap water at various locations within the Village. The most recent lead testing was performed in 2023 and included 20 homes. Our 90th percentile lead concentration was just 1.25 parts per billion (ppb), well below the action level of 10 ppb established by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Our water consistently meets with IEPA lead-level guidelines.

However, the water service lines connected to your home could be a potential source of lead in your water. In alignment with the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (415 ILCS 5/17.12), the IEPA now requires that all Illinois municipalities, including Olympia Fields, provide notice to property owners with lead water service lines or service lines of unknown composition. **Out of an abundance of caution, you are receiving this notice because we have identified your property as one of the 25 percent of Olympia Fields properties that may have a lead service line in need of replacement.** Included with this notice is a map of those areas in the Village that have been identified as either having lead service lines or possibly having lead service lines.

Per the IEPA mandate, the Village of Olympia Fields is in the process of finalizing an inventory identifying the number of lead and unknown service lines in the Village and creating a comprehensive, multi-year plan for the replacement of those service lines within a timeline of 20 years. In August 2024, the Village submitted a preliminary draft Lead Service Line Replacement Plan to the IEPA and will be working with the agency to finalize the plan by 2027. Once the plan is approved by the IEPA, the Village anticipates the replacement of seven percent of its affected water service lines, annually.

For your reference, we have included information about lead, its health effects, and home water testing. Property owners may contact a private company of their choice (at their own expense) to have their water tested for lead, if they so desire. The following companies conduct private water testing (this list is not exhaustive and is provided as a courtesy and should not be construed as a recommendation of these service providers):

First Environmental Laboratories, Inc.

1600 Shore Road, Naperville, IL 60563
630-778-1200
www.firstenv.com
\$30 per sample

Suburban Laboratories, Inc.

1950 S. Batavia Avenue, Ste. 150, Geneva, IL 60134
708-544-3260 x214
www.drinkingwaterlabs.com
\$100 per sample

www.mytapscore.com

\$52-plus per sample

Please review the enclosed material. Feel free to contact the DPW at 708-503-8200 with any questions. Thank you.