



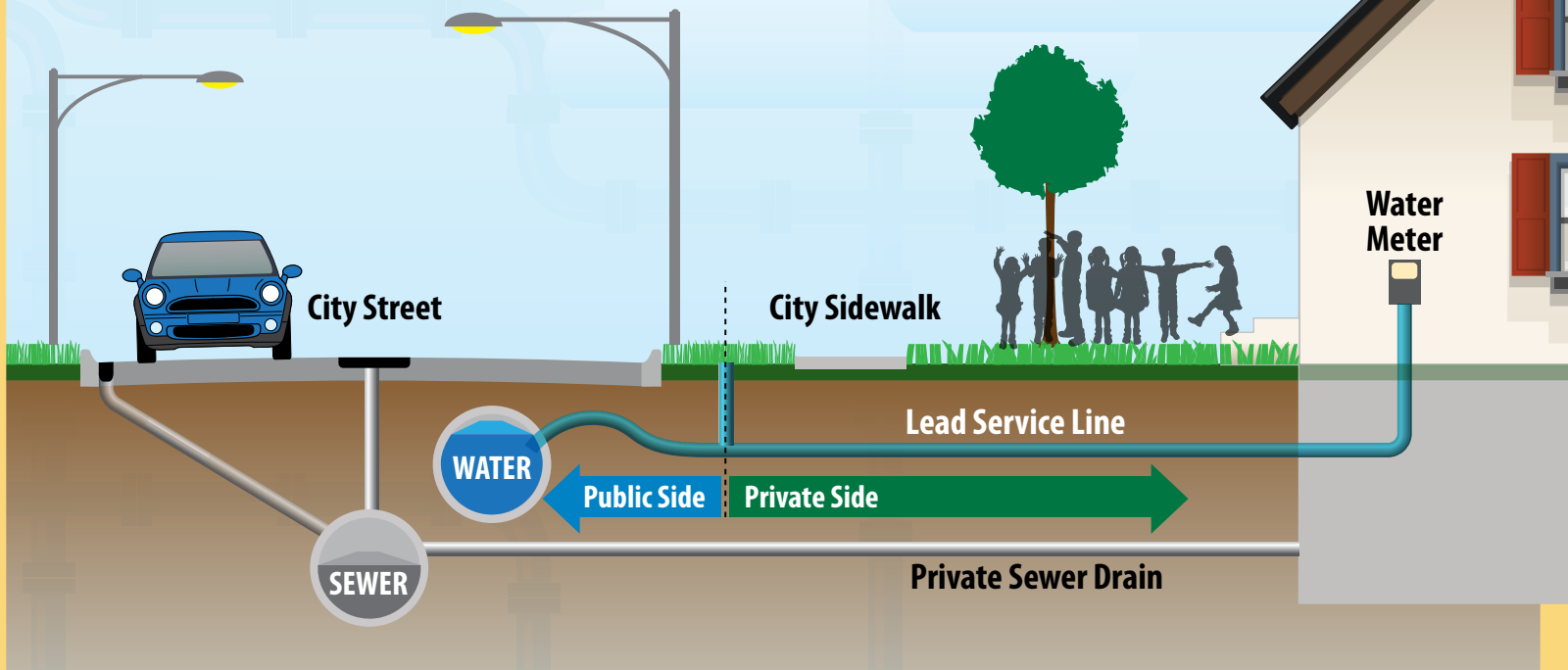
DAYCARE LSLR PROGRAM

The City of Chicago's Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) program for daycares offers **FREE** LSLR to qualified DCFS licensed daycares in Chicago.

Lead can get into the drinking water when the service line (the pipe that carries water from the water main to the childcare facility) is made of lead. This project will replace the existing service line with with a new copper service.

What's Involved in a Lead Service Line Replacement?

Replacing the service line involves excavating a pit in the road/parkway near the water main then either trenchless digging or opening a trench to your property. The new copper service line will enter through the floor or the wall and connect to your existing plumbing at the first water shut off valve.



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Call 312-744-6635 or email daycares@cityofchicago.org with your name, daycare name, and contact information, and Department of Water's staff or contractor will contact you with next steps.



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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if I have a lead service line?

The water service line is the pipe that brings water from the water main to your facility, and is generally located in your basement or utility closet. Lead pipes will be silver-gray, and a magnet will not stick to it. For more information on identifying your water service material, visit www.chicagowaterquality.org/LSLIdentification.

Why is it important for my lead service line to be replaced?

Exposure to lead from drinking water or other sources can cause severe health problems. Studies have linked lead exposure to reduced IQ in children. Infants, young children, and pregnant women are at highest risk of lead exposure, especially if infants consume formula prepared with lead-contaminated water.

Do I need to pay anything to participate?

The program is free. However, you may be responsible for some restoration work following the replacement. As part of this program, the City will restore any fencing removed and hydro-seed disturbed lawns. Any other outdoor landscaping that is disturbed would need to be replaced by you. Additionally, you would need to replace any indoor finishes, such as drywall, tile, or carpeting disturbed by the work. If lead paint or asbestos is found, you would need to remediate it prior to participating in this program.

How long will construction take?

A LSLR is usually completed in one day. Typically, water will be unavailable for up to 8 hours during construction. At the end of the day, any holes from construction will be filled and the area around the new water service entry will be resealed. Construction crews will return at a later date to restore concrete sidewalks, the road, and reseed the grass.

Will I have to close my daycare during construction?

Although the daycare cannot be operational during the hours of the actual water service line replacement, the contractor will work with daycare owners and staff to try to schedule the LSLR around the daycare hours. Restoration work is done outside, and so this can generally be performed without interrupting daycare operation.

Do I qualify if I rent the building where my daycare operates?

Yes. The lead service line replacement is free for a rental building currently operating as a daycare. However, the owner of the building will need to provide consent.

Will my water be completely free of lead after the water service line is replaced?

While the lead service line might be a source of lead in the water, there may still be lead in the interior plumbing. Visit the LeadCare Illinois website at LeadCareIllinois.org/SignUp to access FREE lead testing, training, and resources. If lead is still present within your water after sampling, LeadCare Complete at LeadCareComplete.org/SignUp will provide free interior plumbing upgrades and replacements.