

EquiFlow Lead-Free Westerly Program

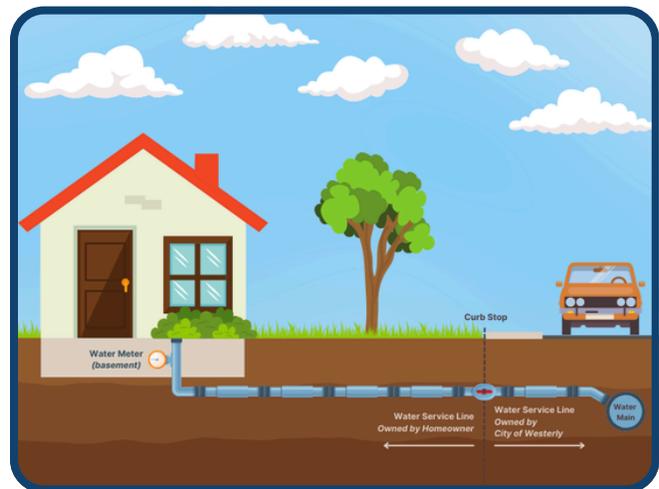
Together, We're Creating a Lead-Free Future for Westerly

The Town of Westerly is partnering with Community Infrastructure Partners (CIP) to identify and replace aging lead service lines through the EquiFlow Lead-Free Program. The program will replace approximately 2,000 lines in the upcoming construction seasons. This effort strengthens local infrastructure, protects public health, and supports Westerly's commitment to more reliable drinking water—and when residents take part, the whole community moves forward.

What is a Lead Service Line?

A water service line is the pipe that brings drinking water from the Town's water main to a home's water meter. It has two parts: the city-owned section and the privately-owned section.

Many homes built before the 1950s were constructed with lead service lines. Some have been replaced over time with copper or galvanized steel, but sections of lead may still exist. Through this program, residents can verify what material their service line is made of. When lead is found, the entire line, both public and private, is replaced to fully remove the source.



Why Should Residents Participate?

Replacing a lead service line removes one of the most common sources of lead entering a home's drinking water. Participating helps protect infants, children, pregnant individuals, and adults from long-term health impacts and moves the Westerly community toward a lead-free future.

Health Effects of Lead Exposure

Infants/Children: Developmental delays, learning difficulties, behavioral changes

Pregnant Individuals: Impacts on fetal growth, increased risk of premature birth

Adults: Elevated blood pressure, kidney strain, reproductive challenges

www.leadfreewesterly.com

infowesterly@yourcip.com

(401) 315-4852



The 6-Step Replacement Process



Verification. Confirm your material using quick online self-verification or by scheduling an inspection. This step identifies eligible properties and helps EquiFlow map out the replacement schedule



Right of Entry (ROE). A signed ROE allows the Town of Westerly, EquiFlow, and approved contractors to access your property and replace the private portion of the service line.



Scheduling the Replacement. Eligible homes are added to the replacement schedule. Timing depends on contractor capacity, weather, and neighborhood planning. Due to these factors, some replacements may occur in a later construction season.



Lead Service Line Replacement. Certified contractors remove the lead line and install new, approved materials from the Town's main to the home.



Flushing and Filter Use. After installation, residents receive flushing instructions for the next 30 days and a certified filter for short-term use.



Follow-Up and Restoration. Crews restore all work areas, and the EquiFlow team conducts follow-up testing to confirm the system is functioning properly.

How to Participate

Replacing lead service lines across Westerly depends on residents taking simple first steps. To participate:

- **Verification** – Confirm your service line material
- **Right of Entry (ROE)** – Provide permission for replacement work on your property.

These steps only take a few minutes and help the EquiFlow team know how to support your home as the program moves forward.



Learn More!

