



June 3, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Kewanee Responds to EPA Lead Line Notification Letter with Commitment to Public Health and Safety

The City of Kewanee, in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is taking proactive steps to address concerns regarding lead service lines in residential areas. Residents recently received notification letters as mandated by the EPA/ILEPA Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act. These letters were sent to inform residents that their residences have been identified as being serviced by a lead line, either on the public side, the private side, or potentially both.

At this stage, residents are not required to take any immediate action and can continue to utilize their water as usual. The City of Kewanee assures residents that more information will be released as it becomes available.

In response to the EPA/ILEPA Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act, the City of Kewanee is actively collaborating with the EPA in the Get the Lead Out Initiative (GLO). This initiative aims to develop a comprehensive lead service line replacement program and community engagement plan. The primary goal is to replace lead service lines, and second, to educate residents about the importance of lead line replacement. Additionally, the initiative will help facilitate funding programs that will provide financial assistance for both municipal and private residential lines, easing the burden of replacement costs for all stakeholders involved.

The City is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents. We are dedicated to working closely with the EPA and other stakeholders to address any concerns related to lead service lines. Through the Get the Lead Out Initiative, we are taking proactive steps to inform residents, develop effective solutions, and ensure access to necessary resources for lead service line replacement."

The City of Kewanee encourages residents to stay informed about further developments regarding the lead service line replacement program. Updates will be provided through various communication channels, including official city announcements, community events, and the city's website.

For more information or inquiries, residents are encouraged to contact the City of Kewanee's Department of Public Works.