

2026 Homeowner Lead Line Replacement Checklist

If your home was built before 1986, you may have a lead water service line.

Use this interactive checklist to protect your family and stay ahead of Illinois requirements.

Step 1: Check Your Home

- Home built before 1986
- Dull gray pipe entering basement
- Pipe scratches easily with a key
- Magnet does NOT stick
- Listed in municipal lead inventory

Step 2: If You Received a Municipal Notice

- Confirm full replacement requirements
- Ask about assistance or cost-sharing programs
- Understand compliance deadlines
- Avoid partial replacement when possible

Estimated Replacement Cost (Northern Illinois)

\$6,000 – \$15,000+ depending on depth, length, soil, and restoration needs.

Directional boring may reduce yard disruption compared to full trench excavation.

Schedule Your Professional Evaluation

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