

Lead Service Line Inventory and Removal Project

The goal of the Lead Service Line Inventory and Removal Project is to identify and replace lead water services with copper in compliance with the Lead Service Line Planning Program run by the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (CWT), the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP), and the EPA. The City of Melrose is working with Tata & Howard, an engineering consultant company, to update the city's lead service inventory, which includes the material of record for both public and private services. After contacting homeowners about the potential of a lead service within their property, inspectors will confirm the material via building inspections and/or excavations. If lead services are found, owners are encouraged to replace their side of the service connection (from the property line to the building). The DPW offers partial reimbursement of the cost of the replacement. The DPW will also confirm the material on the public side (from the property line to the main). The public-side services identified as lead will be excavated and replaced with copper by the DPW. Residents will receive 48-hour advance notice of planned water service shut down. This is a multi-year program, funded in part by the MWRA and the CWT.

