

Lead Service Line Replacement Child Care Grant Program

Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) has received grant funding from the state's H2Ohio initiative and the Ohio EPA to replace lead service lines (LSLs) at licensed child care providers **free of charge** within our service area. Grant funding is available whether you rent or own your child care facility. **Our records indicate the water service line to your facility is made of lead material.**



The water service comes through an underground pipe from the water main in the street. It enters the home/building through the wall or floor and attaches to your water meter. GCWW owns and is responsible for the portion of the service line from the connection at the water main in the street to the property line, known as the "public side." The property owner owns and is responsible for the portion of the service line from the property line into the home or building, known as the "private side."

Please note the following to participate in this grant program:

1. All child care providers who are served by a LSL:

Providers must hold a valid license from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services to operate a child care at the property;

2. Child care providers who rent a facility served by a LSL:

Provider must have a valid lease to use the property for child care purposes that will remain in effect through the date the LSL replacement work is completed. Property owner must agree to the replacement and be signatory to the replacement contract.

Please see reverse side for Frequently Asked Questions.



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Frequently Asked Questions

If I enroll in the program, when will my line be replaced?

The process usually takes from 2-4 months before work begins. When the agreement is fully executed and signed by all required parties, a "Notice to Proceed" is issued to a plumber that is selected and certified by GCWW. The plumber will then contact you to schedule the work.

Is there any cost to me?

There is no cost to the child care provider or property owner if you meet eligibility requirements as outlined above. The replacement is fully covered by the Ohio EPA grant funds. Plumbers are contracted and paid directly by GCWW.

Can I contract with my own plumber and get reimbursed for the work?

No. Child care providers must participate in GCWW's program to receive this benefit. No funding will be given directly to the child care provider or property owner.

How long will my water be shut off?

GCWW strives to minimize any service disruption. Water is typically shut off only for a few hours, but it may be extended up to 8 hours for more complicated replacements. The plumber contracted for your replacement will be able to provide a more exact timeframe for water shutoff duration.

Why is there a focus on child care facilities?

Lead is a toxic metal that can be harmful to humans even at low exposure levels. Lead is persistent and can accumulate in the body over time.

Young children, infants, and fetuses are particularly vulnerable to lead because its effects occur at lower exposure levels in children than in adults.

What are some of the health hazards from lead?

In children, lead exposure has been linked to damage of the central and peripheral nervous system, learning disabilities, hearing problems, and impaired formation and function of blood cells.

What are the sources of lead in drinking water?

Lead in your drinking water can come from lead service lines and plumbing fixtures containing lead material, such as brass or lead solder. GCWW treats its water to minimize the potential of lead pipe corrosion, however, removing lead-bearing plumbing materials is the best way to reduce the risk of lead getting into the water.

When does this offer expire?

There is a limited amount of state funding available, and all work is done on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the funding is depleted, no additional free replacements can be completed. Act now to make sure your facility is included!

How do I get more information?

It's simple: Either email us at childcaregrant@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov or call us at **513.709.9881**.

We are eager to help improve the safety of your child care facility!



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