

## **LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT LINE PROGRAM (LSLRP)**

The Town of Gouverneur is participating in the New York State Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Under this program, the Town was awarded a State grant to replace the pipe connecting your household plumbing to the water main in the street, if it contains lead. If you are selected to participate in this program, a portion of or your entire water service line can be replaced at no cost to you.

### **Why is this program important?**

Service lines that contain lead are a health concern because they can be a source of lead in tap water. Service lines that contain lead can corrode, causing lead to enter drinking water. The presence of a lead service line does not always mean a home has a lead issue. However, it is best to avoid lead in drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 20% or more of lead exposure in young children may come from drinking water, and infants who get mostly mixed formula can receive 40-60% of their total exposure to lead from drinking water.

### **How will the program work?**

We will assist homeowners who participate to determine if their water service line contains lead. If it does, we can replace it. We will need to shut the water off to your home while the water service line is replaced. After the water service line is replaced, you will need to flush the plumbing in your house to remove any particles or sediment which may have become loose or dislodged during construction. We will provide specific instructions on how to flush your house's water system.

Any pavement, sidewalk, lawn or landscaping that was disturbed when the line was replaced will be restored at no cost to you once the work has been completed.

### **Additional Resources**

#### **Where can I get more information about lead in drinking water?**

<https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/>

#### **Where can I get more information about lead hazards?**

<https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/>

#### **Where can I get more information about the Lead Service Line Replacement Program?**

<https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lslrp/>

Please call the Town at (315) 287-1940, Extension 105 to learn more about the project in our community. **If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Diane at the Town of Gouverneur Office.**