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Resident
Address
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RE: 2025-26 Watermain Infrastructure Improvement Project
Northland (Detroit to Madison)
Northland (Delaware to Hilliard)
Norton (Granger to Webb)

Dear Resident:

The City of Lakewood will be undertaking the 2025-26 Watermain Infrastructure Improvement project for the streets listed above. The anticipated start of construction is the week of July 14, 2025 and is estimated to last until July 2026.

Major tasks of the project include watermain replacement, sewer improvements, and pavement rehabilitation. The City awarded a construction contract to Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company, Inc. (FTP) and the construction contract oversight to DLZ, Inc.

As the project gets started on your street, you will see the placement of Maintenance of Traffic devices (signs, cones, barrels, electronic message boards, etc.). Shortly afterward, the traffic pattern for each section of Northland will be changed to **one-lane southbound only** and for Norton it will be one-lane westbound only and there will be **no on-street parking allowed Monday through Friday, 7am to 6pm**. Parking restrictions may change or lessen as the project work schedule permits.

For additional information you can check out the project specific webpage at <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/northland-norton-project/>. There will be a link on the project webpage instructing you on how to sign up to receive emails of regular project updates.

Impacts on Water Service

We will make all efforts to minimize any disruption to your water service. However, during the construction you may experience some disruption of your water service. We will advise you of any planned disruptions to your service as far in advance as possible.

Lead Information

This construction is taking place in an area which has lead service lines. The construction activities (watermain shutdowns, and service line replacements) may cause changes in water quality, including the possibility of a temporary increase in lead levels in the drinking water. As a precaution, Lakewood PWS is offering water filtered pitchers which are certified to remove lead. To obtain a filter/pitcher please call: 216-529-5692. Manufacturer's instructions on how to

properly use the filter, including when the filter should be changed are included with the filtered pitcher and should be read prior to use.

Your water service will be shut off for a short time when the contractor transitions your property's water service over to the new watermain (with new copper service line). When your water service is restored, it is recommended to perform a full-house flush by letting the cold water run on all the taps in your house for **30 minutes** to flush out any lead or sediment in your line. Then begin using your water filtered pitcher.

As a **standard practice**, the USEPA recommends the following actions to reduce possible lead exposure in drinking water:

- **If water has not been used for several hours, run the cold tap until there is a noticeable temperature drop. Then, run the cold water for 30 seconds to 3 minutes before using it for drinking and cooking.** This helps flush out water that may have contained lead that may have been leached from plumbing.
- **Use cold water for cooking, drinking, and preparing baby formula.** Boiling the water will not reduce lead.
- **Clean your faucet aerator regularly.** Small particles of solder and other material can accumulate in faucet aerators and can release lead into the water in some circumstances.
- Cleaning the accumulated particles from the aerator will help eliminate this potential source of lead.
- **Identify if your plumbing fixtures contain lead and consider replacing them when appropriate.**

For more information about lead in drinking water, please contact the City of Lakewood Water Department at: 216-529-5692 or visit the USEPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Health at: 216-201-2001

We are looking forward to getting started this much needed improvement project and we appreciate your cooperation during the construction work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Division of Engineering at (216)-529-6692 or engineering@lakewoodoh.gov.

Sincerely,

The City of Lakewood

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Shields".

Project Manager