

NEW POLICY FOR PRIVATE LATERAL REPLACEMENT

The new policy is divided into two parts: private lateral replacement Not in conjunction with Village main replacement and Private Lateral Replacement in Conjunction With Village Main Replacement.

Private Lateral Replacement Not In Conjunction With Village Main Replacement

In response to property owners requesting help in repairing their deficient private laterals in areas where the utility work and the street projects have been completed in past years, the Village Board has adopted a new policy for private lateral replacement.

There are currently several hundred deficient private laterals which are in need of repair in the coming years which will have no work in the right-of-way to attach to. These laterals will have already been televised so defects will be known. The Village will develop and bid a contract for the replacement of private laterals from the terrace to the inside of the house. The contract will offer two options for repair: one trenchless, and one open cut.

The cost to the property owner would be a flat fee (which includes the cost of bidding, inspection, and contract management), and is based on the average cost for all laterals in a project year reconstructed in the limits between the terrace and the street side of the structure. All restoration except clay backfill will be the responsibility of the property owner (i.e., top soil, concrete, steps, asphalt, bushes, and porches). The flat fee also does not include any additional defects found inside the house. Payment would be due 60 days after billing.

The Village will offer to replace lead water services when sanitary laterals are replaced. This would be voluntary, and the owner would be responsible for all costs.

If the property owner chooses not to participate in the Village contract, and chooses to hire his own contractor or do the work himself, the lateral work would still need to be completed by November 1st. of the same year.

Private Lateral Replacement in Conjunction With Village Main Replacement

Affected property owners will be notified of capital improvement projects involving private laterals as soon as possible after plans and specifications are approved by the Village Board.

The Village will add an alternative for private lateral replacement to the Village's utility contract. This will include replacing the entire lateral from the main to the inside of the house, and replacing all laterals except plastic pipe in good condition. There are two options for repair – trenchless and open cut. There will also be a bid item for voluntary replacement of lead water services. All restoration except clay backfill will be the responsibility of the property owner (i.e., top soil, concrete, steps, asphalt, bushes, and porches).

The property owner will need to notify the Village of their decision as to who will be doing the private lateral replacement (Village contractor, privately hired contractor, or property owner). This will have to be done before we televise their lateral, since we do not televise the lateral until the main is replaced.

If the property owner chooses not to use the Village contractor, they will have to replace the lateral from the main to the house before the Village replaces the main. All costs for temporary street restoration will be bore by the property owner. If the property owner fails to replace the lateral before the Village replaces the main, the Village will replace the lateral to the terrace and assess the cost to the property owner. The Village will then order the replacement of the lateral from the right-of-way to inside the house.

Owners selecting to use the Village contract will be charged the entire cost of making the repair based on a flat fee plus extras. The owner may elect to pay the entire amount upon completion of the work, or the owner may request to be billed in the form of a special assessment in accordance with the current Village billing policy. Additional defects found inside the house or on the property will be an additional cost not included in the flat fee. Also, the additional cost for outside backflow valves will not be included in the flat rate.