



City of Rahway

Water Quality Assurance Initiative (“WQAI”) Acknowledgement and Consent Form

We need your response in order to replace your lead water service line at no cost to you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This form is being provided to you to inform you about the City of Rahway’s Water Quality Assurance Initiative (“WQAI”) and to provide you the opportunity to approve or deny participation in the “WQAI” which includes consent for the City of Rahway and its Contractors to replace your service line if it is determined to contain lead or galvanized components.

Based on the City of Rahway records or recent test pitting efforts, your water service line contains lead or galvanized components. A water service line is an underground pipe that brings water from the City of Rahway’s water main in the street to your property, connecting to your home’s plumbing. Although lead isn’t present in the water the City of Rahway sends to your property, lead can get into water as it moves through a lead service line.

As part of the City of Rahway’s “WQAI”, the City of Rahway is replacing all service lines within its service area that have been identified as consisting of lead or having galvanized components. The portion of the service line from the curb stop to your building, including the service line and fittings through which you receive water service, are owned by the customer. However, under the “WQAI”, the City of Rahway will replace your lead service line at no cost to you, which is approximately a \$10,000 value.

City of Rahway’s Responsibilities

In replacing your service line, the City of Rahway will assume the following responsibilities:

- Provide advance notice of replacement.
- Obtain necessary permits.
- Replace your service line up to the first fixture in your building if your service line is confirmed to consist of lead or contain galvanized components.
- Provide exterior flushing and instructions for interior flushing post-replacement.
- Restore exterior to the original ground surface elevation and provide reseeding of grass, generally within a four-month time frame.
- Warranty all work performed from defects arising from the workmanship of the City’s Contractor, in addition to the manufacturer’s material guarantees in accordance with the contract between the City and City Contractor. (This does not include restoration of interior work that must be removed to gain access to the service line.)

Property Owner’s Responsibilities:

Property owner agrees to undertake the following responsibilities:

- Anticipate a temporary interruption of water service to your property during the replacement of your service line.
- Property owner or designee, at least 18 years old, must be at the property on the date and time scheduled for the lead service line replacement.
- Property owner must provide reasonable, safe, lighted, and unencumbered access to the water meter and to the water service line inside the property, including access to the basement, wall or floor area where the water service line enters the building, and move any items blocking access, such as boxes, furniture, washers, dryers, etc.
- If the meter and/or service line is located behind a finished wall, or under a finished floor such that gaining access will disrupt the room finish, the property owner is responsible for removing the obstruction and establishing the necessary access to perform the work. Restoration of the disturbed area, including repairs to walls, ceiling or flooring, is the property owner’s responsibility.
- After installation of the new service line, property owner will follow flushing instructions provided by the City of Rahway to remove any remaining particles of lead and/or debris. Maintenance of the service line from the curb stop to the building and any interior plumbing or backflow device, if previously installed, remain the responsibility of the property owner.

- Closely monitor the interior location within your home where the service line connects to your plumbing. Notify the City of Rahway immediately if you notice any new water seepage or other changes in conditions e.g., new cracking or flaking masonry, peeling paint, musky odors, etc.
- The City of Rahway will use its best efforts to minimize disturbances to exterior landscaping and hardscapes. However, exterior landscaping, hardscaping or structures on the property that impede the replacement of the water service may be disturbed as part of the service line replacement. Restoration of those items is the responsibility of the customer. This includes items such as steps, patios, retaining walls, specialty or tinted concrete, structures of any type, trees, shrubs, bushes and flowers.
- Property owner will irrigate restored landscape, including grass and trees to reestablish vegetation in the restored area.

Certification of Ownership

By providing your consent to the City of Rahway and its Contractors to replace your lead service line, you warrant the following:

- I certify that I am the owner, or the legal representative for the owner, of the below service address property and have the legal right and authority to execute this form and to grant the City of Rahway and its Contractors the rights set forth in this form.
- I certify that if there are any tenants or other residents of the property other than the undersigned, I will provide them advance notice of the scheduled work.
- I agree that I am responsible for ensuring that the property is in safe and sanitary condition and that the necessary plumbing shall be accessible for workers to complete the replacement of the service line and any required interior plumbing modifications.
- I understand that if the City of Rahway determines that safe and sanitary conditions are not met, or that the plumbing is not accessible, replacement will not be performed.

Authorization

I hereby authorize the City of Rahway and its Contractors to:

1. Replace the service line from the curb stop to its first fitting inside my home.
2. Make any interior plumbing modifications in my property necessary to replace my water service line in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this form and I agree to all of the terms and conditions of this form.

ADDITIONALLY, I acknowledge and agree that on my own behalf, and on behalf of all other persons who could claim by or through me:

3. Except for the written obligations in this form, to release the City of Rahway and hold harmless the City of Rahway and its Contractors from any and all claims, causes of action, damages, or losses, of any nature whatsoever, that I may have with respect to the work authorized by this form.
4. That I have accepted the offer of replacement of the service line and any included interior plumbing modifications voluntarily at no cost.
5. That I fully understand the terms of this form and have the right to consult with an attorney if I have questions regarding this form.

YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IS REQUIRED: You must sign and submit the consent form below in order for the City of Rahway to replace your service line. You own the service line from the curb stop to your property, and the City of Rahway will not replace it without your consent. If you DO NOT wish for the City of Rahway to replace the service line, you may decline using the form below by selecting, *"I DECLINE participation in the City of Rahway's "WQAI"..."* By doing so, you acknowledge that a lead service line may cause increased levels of lead in your water and that **should the service line need to be repaired or replaced after the Water Quality Assurance Initiative has ended, you will bear the entire cost of such repair or replacement.**

Note that your delay or refusal to provide a response may result in further action by the City of Rahway up to and including an order from the City of Rahway to provide access to your property for replacement of your lead service line, the assessment of fines, withholding of any other permit requests for your property to the extent necessary to compel compliance with any such order.



*** All fields are required and must be completed
regardless of whether you approve or decline participation ***

CONSENT FORM

Please confirm that you have read the acknowledgement above.

_____ (Initial) I confirm that I have read the acknowledgement above about the Water Quality Assurance Initiative.

Please indicate if you **APPROVE** or **DECLINE** to participate in the City of Rahway's "WQAI"

_____ (Initial) I **APPROVE** participation in the City of Rahway's "WQAI" and provide consent for the City of Rahway and its Contractors to access my property in order to replace my lead water service line.

_____ (Initial) I **DECLINE** participation in the City of Rahway's "WQAI" and DO NOT provide consent for the City of Rahway and its Contractors to access my property in order to replace my lead water service line. I acknowledge that a lead service line may cause increased levels of lead in my water. I further acknowledge and understand that, should the service line need to be replaced after the Water Quality Assurance Initiative has ended, the offer to replace my service at the City's expense will no longer be available and I will bear the entire cost of such repair or replacement.

If you have declined participation, please provide the reason for same below.

Name

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address of Property

Street Address: _____

Street Address (Apt, Unit, etc.): _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Please provide contact information where you can be reached during normal business hours:

Daytime Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Agent:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return form **via mail or in person** to the Rahway Engineering Department, 1 City Hall Plaza, Second Floor, Rahway, NJ 07065 OR
via email to the City's Consulting Engineer, ENGenuity Infrastructure: admin@engenuitynj.com