



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LPRAP)
Frequently Asked Questions**

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Frequently Asked Questions for Lead Pipe Replacement


About Us & the Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program (LPRAP)

What is the Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program and how do I apply?

The Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program (LPRAP) provides relief to residents that have lead pipes on their private property and the pipes in the public space are not lead. This program has three tiers of assistance that are determined based on income guidelines. Applications can be submitted to DOEE by:

- Applying online [here](#);
- Emailing your application and documentation to leadline.replacement@dc.gov; or
- Mailing your application to DOEE, Attn: Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program, 1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington DC 20002.

How do I know if I am eligible for the lead line replacement?

Go to dcwater.com/leadmap and search for your address in the Service Line Map. Homes that have partial lead pipes (homes with a half green and half grey circle on the map ) are eligible for this program.

Why replace lead pipes?

A number of illnesses and injuries are caused by lead exposure. Lead exposure can particularly harm children’s health, by damaging the brain and nervous system, slowing development and growth, and causing behavioral, learning, hearing and speech problems. The District Government realizes this and for the safety and health of our residents we have developed a program to assist the homes affected by this environmental hazard.

Why is having partial lead pipes (non-lead pipes on the public space and lead on the private property) more hazardous than having full lead pipes (lead pipes in the public space and private property)?

The process of removing only a portion of the lead pipe can disturb flakes of lead that had previously settled at the bottom of the pipe. This can result in acute exposure to lead. Homes with complete lead pipes do not have as high of a risk disrupting these settled lead flakes.

Who runs this program?

DOEE partnered with DC Water to develop the Lead Pipe Replacement Program (LPRAP). Your application materials are submitted to DOEE who determines income eligibility. The DOEE will then notify the Homeowner for the amount of assistance for which they have been approved and send DC Water’s Contractor List. The Homeowner will then choose a contractor from the list to perform the replacement. The chosen contractor will submit a Cost Proposal form, with the Homeowner’s signature, to DC Water for review. The lead line replacement work is carried out by your licensed contractor and DC Water is responsible for paying the contractor the approved amount of assistance.

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What is the difference between the Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program (LPRAP), DC Water’s Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and the Voluntary Lead Pipe Replacement program?

LPRAP differs from CIP and the Voluntary Lead Pipe Replacement as a property is only eligible for LPRAP if the pipes on the private property are lead/galvanized pipes *and* the pipes in the public space are **not** lead. DC Water’s CIP is responsible for replacing the lead pipes in public spaces (i.e., water main replacement) and working with affected to property owners to replace their lead services lines at the same time. Property owners that have lead on both the public and private side can enroll in the [Voluntary Lead Pipe Replacement Program](#) if there are no scheduled CIPs in your area for the next two years.

How much assistance will I receive for participating in this program?

There are three tiers of assistance, which are determined by household size and income. However, there is **no income limit** to this program. Residents that choose not to submit their proof of income will still receive assistance for 50% of the costs (not to exceed \$2,500) of their lead pipe replacements.

Household Size	Assistance Level 1	Assistance Level 2	Assistance Level 3
1	\$70,600	\$88,200	No Income Limit
2	\$80,650	\$100,800	
3	\$90,750	\$113,400	
4	\$100,800	\$126,000	
5	\$110,900	\$126,000*	
6	\$121,000	\$126,000*	
7	\$126,000*	\$126,000*	
8	\$126,000*	\$126,000*	

*Figures are capped by the Budget Support Act.

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Documentation

What documents will I need to provide in order to apply?

You will need to provide:

- A copy of the household's **most recent DC Water bill**,
- Property owner's **photo identification**;
- Proof of **property ownership**; and
- **Proof of income** for each member of the household (optional).

What are acceptable sources/proofs of income?

Some examples of acceptable sources include but are not exclusive to:

- Pay stubs
- Social Security Statements (reflecting the current calendar year's benefit amount)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) statement
- Self-employment income
 - *NOTE:* Self-employed applicants may submit recent tax forms or the last month of pay stubs. If the applicant submits the last month of pay stubs, this amount is assumed to be an average month of income and the total amount is multiplied by twelve to estimate annual income.
- Contractor income
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Retirement / pension benefits
- Alimony
- Child support
- Other pay statements / documentation

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What are acceptable proofs of homeownership?

Applicants need to provide either:

- A deed, mortgage, or settlement agreement reflecting applicant's name and property address;
- A DC property tax bill or tax assessment issued within the last 12 months reflecting the applicant's name and property address;
- An unexpired homeowner's insurance policy reflecting name and address; or
- A home line of equity statement.

I am not receiving an income at the moment. How can I prove my financial need?

If an applicant claims that the household has zero income, they must provide a zero-income statement or an exhausted employment statement. The zero-income statement may either be provided on a Zero-Income Affidavit form provided by DOEE or a separate document that includes the following: (a) a statement of zero income, (b) a signature, and (c) a notary seal. (Note: Only the applicant is required to complete the Zero Income Affidavit.)

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Timeline

I have submitted my application more than thirty days ago, when will I receive a decision?

LPRAP is operated through a partnership between DOEE and DC Water. Once an applicant submits the required income documentation to DOEE, it is reviewed by DOEE within ten days of its receipt. DOEE then sends the Homeowner DC Water's Contractor List. Once the Homeowner selects a contractor from the list and the contractor submits a Cost Proposal form to DC Water, DC Water reviews the quote for approval. DC Water has 30 days to review the Cost Proposal form, but this may be longer if there have been a high number of submissions. We appreciate your patience.

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Contractor FAQs

Is there a Contractor List?

As of October 1st, 2020, to be eligible for the LPRAP, you must use a contractor from the following list:
<https://www.dewater.com/content/fy21-lprap-approved-contractor-list>

More information on the quote from a licensed contractor can be found at [this link](#). Please reach out to these contractors directly to get a quote for the work.

What do I do if I'm not sure if I have lead pipes that need to be replaced?

If your property's data is unknown or you believe it is incorrect in the DC Water Lead map, please contact lead@dewater.com regarding inspection and other steps in order to update data.

What is the "point of entry"?

A "point of entry" is where your water pipe enters your home. You will submit a photo of this alongside the quote from your licensed contractor.

