

City of Rochester

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Theodore J Denton, Mayor

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Dear Residents,

This letter serves to address an important matter that affects the quality of our drinking water.

The Federal EPA has issued an update to the Lead and Copper Rule with a requirement for all public water utilities to submit a Lead Service Line (LSL) Inventory. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is enforcing these requirements across the State of Indiana. **We are excited about the possibilities this brings to our community to further safeguard the health and safety of our water supply!**

In compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, the City of Rochester has undertaken an initiative to create a complete inventory of lead service lines within our municipal water system. **It is important to note that even if lead service lines are found, this does not mean that our water is contaminated or unsafe to drink.** However, we believe in being proactive and taking measures to safeguard our community's health. Please note that regular water testing is conducted in compliance with all applicable regulations to ensure our water meets or exceeds the highest standards of quality.


The purpose of this inventory is to identify areas where lead service lines may be present so that we can develop an informed plan to address them. The process involves gathering accurate data and we need participation from every water utility customer to make our inventory as accurate as possible. The results of this completed inventory will be used to apply for GRANT FUNDING which will minimize the need for future rate increases due to service line improvement work. Our goal is to develop a long-term plan, taking advantage of federal grant funding and focusing on the systematic replacement of lead service lines, prioritizing areas with the greatest need.

Please submit your survey answers no later than October 10, 2023 by one of these methods:

- A. Fill out the enclosed paper survey and return to our utility office by mail or drop off.**
- B. Use your smart phone camera to scan the QR code to complete online.**
- C. Go to our website at www.rochester.in.us and clicking on the survey link.**

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we navigate this process together. If you have any questions, you may visit our website for additional information or contact the utility office at 574-223-3412, Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 4pm.

Kindest Regards,


Mayor Ted Denton
City of Rochester, Indiana