

Public Notice – Please Read

Cooper Township New Water Mains

As we install new water mains in Cooper Township in response to the PFAS contamination, we need to coordinate with homeowners who want to connect to the new water system. If you want to connect to the water system, please make sure to fill out and send in your Service Request form before the end of September so that we can schedule your connection.

Once you have submitted your Service Request form, what happens next?

1. All Service Request forms should be mailed to Prein&Newhof (P&N), the Engineering firm contracted by the City of Kalamazoo to assist with this project. P&N will collect and track all the incoming requests and is delivering packets of the requests to the City of Kalamazoo who will establish the requested water service account.
2. P&N will also provide the on-site contractors with the service request information and they will contact you to schedule an in-home inspection to review your specific plumbing arrangement.
3. The contractors will then schedule a date/time with you to make the physical connection to your home plumbing and set the required water meter.
4. You may then immediately begin using the new water service connection.

Frequently Asked Questions

- I submitted my form, how soon can I get water?

The contractor must first install the water main in front of your home, then pressure test and clean the main. The pressure testing and cleaning are done in large segments so it may take a week or so after the main is installed before it can be placed into service. Once the main has passed all tests, the contractor will begin individual service installations.

- What happens to my well?

The contractor will cap your existing well line just outside of the house foundation at the same time as the new service line is run into your home. This is necessary to prevent

cross-connection of the two lines. In the spring of 2021, the contractor will have a certified well driller abandon the well in accordance with Health Department requirements. This involves cutting off the well casing underground and filling the well casing with a plugging material. Once complete, you will no longer have a well pipe sticking up above ground.

- Can I keep my well?

It is not recommended as there is documented contamination in the area. If you have questions on this, please contact Mr. Jeff Reicherts at the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department at (269) 373-5336.

- What if I have a question about the water main construction?

Please contact Mr. Brian Vilmont of P&N at (616) 364-8491 or email at coopertwpwater@gmail.com.

How do I schedule my service connection?

After you have submitted your Service Request form, please contact Marvin Liggins from SWT Excavating at (269) 569-1272 or at mliggins@swtexcavating.com, between the hours of 8:00AM – 6:00PM.