



Public Services Department

Water Resources Division

415 Stockbridge Avenue
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Notice of Construction

Water Main Installation and Service Connections

Dear Resident,

Spring is finally here and the construction crews are ready to get back to work. Watermain installation will begin again in the McKinley neighborhood as well as along G Avenue and Mt. Olivet. Water service installations will resume for those that have submitted their water service request forms. A map showing the streets along which water main will be installed can be found on the following websites:

City of Kalamazoo, Cooper Township, City of Parchment, Richland Township

These websites will have a link to our engineering consultant's website (Prein&Newhof) where the map will be hosted and updated as-needed.

LAWN RESTORATION: Please note that although we can begin grading work to smooth out areas, we cannot begin seeding until danger of frost has passed. Depending on weather, this may be starting as soon as April 15 or as late as May 1. Thank you for your patience as we want to have successful grass germination without frost kill.

The City of Kalamazoo has contracted with Engineer Prein&Newhof for construction observation. Contractors on the site include the two prime contractors, Lounsbury Excavating and USA Earthworks. Water service work is being performed by SWT Excavating. Construction related impacts to you will be minimized during the completion of this project. Provisions have been made to ensure you continue to receive mail service, parcel deliveries, school bus services, and refuse service. Additionally, access to your home and access for emergency vehicles will be provided at all times.

Service Connections

The water service connection to your home will be completed after water main installation is complete. When it is time to install your service connection to your home a representative from SWT Excavating will contact you to schedule access to your home.

The work will require shutting off your water service for several hours and providing access to your home. In the interest of time, crew efficiency, and safety, please be sure that on the day of your installation the area around the water meter/water service entrance into your home is free of obstacles – including cabinetry, drywall and stored items. If you plan to have someone on site to allow admittance to our crews, we do ask that the person be at least 18 years of age.

On your scheduled installation date, the new service line, water meter, mounting bracket and appurtenances will be installed. Additionally, since your pressure tank and well pump will no longer be necessary, they will be removed during the completion of this project. If you would like to keep either of these items, please let us know in advance, or at the time of installation.

Installing water service requires digging in the yard; it will be restored to the original condition. The City of Kalamazoo recommends watering your lawn after the restoration has been completed to help the new grass grow. It takes time for the grass to grow back. Please avoid driving or parking on the freshly seeded areas until the grass has been fully restored.

Meters, Meter Pits, and Service Lines

Select homes that do not have basements or that have long (greater than 200'), or challenging service connections will have a water meter pit/vault installed on their property. The pit/vault will be installed just outside of the ROW (about 20' from the edge of the road) and it will house the water meter. All other homes will have the meter installed in the basement. Please note that once the meter is installed, the City of Kalamazoo is only responsible for maintaining water lines between the water main (road) and the meter with the following exception:

For homes receiving meter pits/vaults, the service line between the pit/vault and the home will have a 2-year warranty from the date of installation. After 2-years, the property owner is responsible for all water lines located down-stream of the water meter.

Costs and Fees

Water services installed with this project will be provided to your home for no initial cost to you, except for a small, refundable, deposit to start your water account. You will be responsible for paying for water usage and a quarterly water meter fee. The City will invoice you on a quarterly basis for these items.

Thank you for all your cooperation and patience as we work together on these water system improvements.