



# CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

## NOTICE Water Distribution System Survey

Dear East Grand Rapids Resident/Property Owner:

The City of East Grand Rapids Department of Public Works and City contractor, PowerVac of Michigan, will be in your neighborhood performing a drinking water distribution system survey for water service line material type.

Lead and copper provisions of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399) under provisions of Rule 325 required water distribution systems are required to remove all public and private lead water service lines by 2041.

The Department of Public Works is in the process of a multi-year program to hydro excavate each water service in the city that does not have absolute definitive records to determine water service line material at the stop box or shut-off valve. This will provide a visual inspection record at this specific location for both the public and private water service lines.

The survey work should not disrupt your water service and there is nothing you need to do in advance of the work being completed. The survey consists of using vacuum/pressurized water trucks to excavate soil around elements of the water supply system to gathering information concerning water service valves/boxes, water service line material type (lead, copper, galvanized, plastic) and condition. The excavations will typically take place within the public right-of-way between the sidewalk and street and will be approximately two feet wide to a depth of five to seven feet. Once the survey information has been recorded the small access excavation will be backfilled with sand and topsoil and seeding to take place within a few weeks. On average, approximately 10-20 surveys are completed per day. City crews will be monitoring settling of backfilled sand to refill them and place topsoil and seed.

If the survey notes your home is served by a lead service line, a subsequent notice will be provided to you as required by law. Included with this determination is a lead FAQ to help provide more information about lead and drinking water and the measures in place to ensure that drinking water no matter what service line material exists is high quality and safe.

The Department of Public Works has a lead service replacement program that is underway. It is anticipated that the city will have all lead water service lines replaced by the early 2030's, well in advance of the current requirement. To view the lead water service line replacement program each year, please visit the "Construction Updates" page icon on the homepage of the city website [www.eastgrmi.gov](http://www.eastgrmi.gov).

If you have any further questions, you may contact the Department of Public Works Operations M-F from 7:00 am-3:30 pm at 616-940-4870 or Department of Public Works Administration/Engineering M-F from 8:00 am-5:00 pm at 616-940-4817.

Thank You- Department of Public Works

(See reverse side for example images)

Image below of vacuum truck excavating around water service shut off box in the public right-of-way



Image below of excavation around water service shut off box

