Utility-owned vs Customer-owned portion of the service line

Please note: This diagram is a generic representation. Variations may apply.

Traffic and Accessibility
Sections of street where the construction is taking place may be closed during work hours. All traffic control will be coordinated with local police. Motorists should use caution, obey traffic signs and follow any detour routes when driving in the area.

Noise
Our contractor will take measures to minimize noise levels; however, there will be some unavoidable noise associated with this project. We appreciate your understanding of any inconvenience that this may cause.

Site Maintenance
The project site will be maintained and cleaned each day before contractors have completed work.

Important Information About Service Lines
There are two components of a service line.

Utility-owned portion of the service line: This is the portion of the service line that extends from the company’s main in the street to the company shut off valve (generally located near the curb).

Customer-owned portion of the service line: This portion of the service line is the responsibility of the property owner. It extends from the company shut off valve to and including the inside plumbing.

IF WE ARE REPLACING THE UTILITY-OWNED SERVICE LINE SERVING YOUR PROPERTY, we’ll notify you on the day the service line is replaced with further instructions on how to flush your household plumbing prior to using the water.
If you’re not home, we’ll leave the instructions at your front door.

Do you know what your service line is made of?
Over the years, plumbers have used many different materials, including copper, PVC, lead and others. If you have an older home, you should contact a licensed plumber to identify the material used on your property and in your home plumbing. If lead is found, you should consider replacing the portion you own to reduce your potential exposure to lead. More information about lead can be found online at newjerseyamwater.com. Under Water Quality, select Water Quality Reports.

How should we reach you in an emergency?
New Jersey American Water uses a high-speed mass notification system called “CodeRED” to keep customers informed about water-related emergencies and notifications. Log on to our Web self-service portal, My H2O Online (www.amwater.com/myh2o) to make sure your contact information is up to date. While you’re there, tell us how you prefer to receive your alerts and notifications: Phone; Text and Phone; and/or Email.
* Standard text, data and phone rates may apply.
WE ARE INVESTING $2.5 MILLION IN LONG HILL
Main Replacement Project to Start Soon

New Jersey American Water is preparing to replace approximately 9,300 feet of aging water main that was installed around 1920s with new 8-inch ductile iron main along Valley Road (from Mountain Avenue to Passaic Avenue). The existing pipe has reached the end of its useful life and will be replaced with new pipe. The project also includes replacing approximately 85 utility-owned service lines and fire hydrants along the pipeline route (see reverse for more information about service lines). These improvements should enhance water service reliability and water flows for household consumption and fire fighting.

Service Impacts/Disruptions:
What to Expect
While we interconnect the new main to distribution system: Customers may experience a temporary service interruption while this work is performed. Customers may also experience a slight discoloration of water. If this happens, run the water until it is clear.

Once the new main is installed:
We’ll return to connect customers to the new main. This may involve replacing the utility-owned service lines, which is the portion of pipe that extends from the company’s main in the street to the company shut off valve (generally located near the curb).

If we’re replacing the utility-owned service line at your property: Typically, there is a 30- and 60-minute interruption of service while the contractor connects the new service line. We’ll attempt to notify customers 24 hours in advance. We’ll also notify you on the day the service line is replaced with further instructions on how to flush your household plumbing prior to using water. It is important that you read and follow these instructions. If you’re not home, we’ll leave the instructions at your front door.

Our crews will work as quickly as possible to shorten the length of these temporary inconveniences. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this project.

Project Start/End and Work Hours
New Jersey American Water’s contractor, Montana Construction, will begin on or about the week of January 16. Work hours will be from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Work on weekends and evenings is not expected unless required to maintain project schedule. Weather permitting, the project will be completed by the end of May. Final street restoration is being completed by Morris County in the summer of 2017.

Project Overview
- Install, disinfect, test and place new main into service
- Replace utility-owned service lines and transfer customers to the new main (we’ll notify you if the service line serving your property is replaced and provide you with flushing instructions)
- Perform final paving and restoration of concrete, driveway, grass and landscaping

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