

Currents & Waves

Fall/Winter 2026



Funding Available for Private Lead Service Replacement

Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission (WWLC) is pleased to announce a generous grant donation from the Legacy Foundation to help eligible homeowners replace private-side lead service lines (LSLs).

WWLC has partnered with Van Rite Plumbing to complete the lead service line replacements, with work scheduled to begin in 2027.

Who May Qualify?

Grant eligibility and funding levels will be based on household size and total household income. This funding will help eligible homeowners reduce the cost of replacing lead service lines on their property. Over the past several years, WWLC has been working to identify and document the material of every private water service in the city. Approximately 300 private services remain unidentified and may contain lead.

If you received a letter or phone call from WWLC asking you to verify your water service and have not yet responded, please contact WWLC at 715-422-9045 to schedule an appointment. Verification is a quick, five-minute process, and completing it is essential in determining eligibility for available grant funding.

What Happens Next?

This winter, WWLC will contact homeowners whose private water service is known to contain lead and will:

- Verify the homeowner's potential funding level
- Explain the replacement process
- Answer all questions
- Schedule appointments when applicable

WWLC's goal is to replace all private side lead service lines in the city before the 2037 deadline.

Questions or need to verify your service?

Contact Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission at 715-422-9045.

The Wisconsin Section of the American Water Works Association recently held its 40th Annual Drinking Water Taste Test competition in Madison, in conjunction with their annual conference.

Water Works and Lighting Commission competed against groundwater and surface water public utilities and took 1st Place for the Best-Tasting Tap Water in Wisconsin.

The utility will now submit a sample at the Annual AWWA conference in San Diego on June 13-16, 2027, to represent Wisconsin.

We are very proud of the effort our Water Department puts forth, starting with our Filter Plant Operators and finishing with our Distribution Operators who make sure the water reaches the customer.

The utility strives every day to make sure the City of Wisconsin Rapids receives the best water quality possible.



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BEST-TASTING TAP WATER IN
WISCONSIN FOR 2026

Happy Holidays from Water Works and Lighting Commission!

Gift Certificate

To: _____

From: _____

Amount Gifted: _____



Authorized by: _____

With the upcoming Holiday Season approaching, we would like to wish our customers a happy celebration. If you are looking for a last-minute holiday gift idea, consider a gift certificate from Water Works and Lighting Commission. We can mail your certificate to our customer indicating the monetary amount of your gift. Call or stop in our office for details.



Adopt a Hydrant

If you have a hydrant near your property, consider adopting it for the winter and clear the snow around it. Heavy snow makes finding and accessing a fire hydrant very difficult for firefighters. When there is an emergency, every second counts!

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