



# EDGERTON

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## Wisconsin on the Verge of Taking an Important Step to Replacing its Lead Pipes

Currently, the Wisconsin State Legislature is on the cusp of passing legislation to empower communities to better protect residents from lead in drinking water. When the legislature returns to session in January 2018, they will need to resolve a difference between the two versions regarding the maximum amount of financial assistance allowed to homeowners.

With passage of the legislation, Wisconsin would be the fourth state to pass essential legislation empowering communities to replace lead service lines, using rates paid by consumers. Wisconsin has an estimated 240,000 of the nation's 6.1 million lead service lines.

The version of the bill unanimously passed by the Wisconsin Senate gives utilities and the PSC a framework for accelerating lead service line replacement. The law allows municipalities and private utilities to provide financial assistance to property owners to replace water service lines that contain lead that they own. The law does not explicitly define ownership but treats the portion of the line on private property as owned by the property owner and refers to it as a "customer-side water service line."

The utility or municipality may only provide financial assistance if:

The city, town or village has passed an ordinance that:

- Authorizes the assistance;
- Requires each owner to replace customer-side water service lines that contain lead;
- Requires the utility-side water service line be replaced at the same time as the customer-side if it contain lead;
- Requires each owner in a class of customers are treated equally with respect to grants. (Assembly version includes loans in this provision.); and
- Limits the financial assistance to:
  - Grants that are not more than 2/3 of the total cost to property owners; (The Assembly version limits cost sharing to 1/2 the cost.)
  - Loans to property owners that are not forgivable.

The difference between the Senate and Assembly versions could have significant consequences, especially to low-income homeowners. Without this legislation, municipalities and utilities will continue to be hamstrung in their efforts to build and implement successful lead service line replacement programs.

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## City Further Evaluating Lead in Drinking Water

Due to an exceedance of lead standards in three water samples, the City continues to monitor its drinking water. Additional samples have been collected and submitted to the DNR. The outcome of the analysis of these samples will give the City clear direction as to what further measures might be advisable.

The advice of experts regarding the most efficient way to reduce lead in drinking water is to **run your water in the morning** for two or three minutes, or until it gets as cold as it will get, before you drink it. Please visit the City website at [www.cityofedgerton.com](http://www.cityofedgerton.com) for more information on lead in drinking water.

## Lights of Central Park

If you haven't driven through Central Park or downtown Edgerton after dark recently, you should take a few minutes to see what you've been missing. Thanks to several generous donors, we have a larger fun and festive display of animated characters twinkling in Central Park. This year's donations were added to the 2016 donation and the \$5,000 Ted and Doris Brown bequest that started it all just two years ago. Please thank the following 2017 donors the next time you see them:

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## PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES



**Winter Parking Rules:** Winter snow parking regulations went into effect on November 1st. Parking is not allowed on any street or highway after any snowfall until snow is plowed back to the curb. Overnight parking in parking lots is restricted to the rear of the lots during any snowfall as posted in all lots.

**Sidewalks:** Please have your sidewalks cleared of snow and ice from edge to edge no later than 24 hours after a snowfall. Failure to clear walks in the appropriate time may result in a fine of \$25.00-\$200.00. Please do not shovel snow into the street.



**Christmas Trees:** Starting January 2, 2018 and every Monday thereafter through January, the Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees placed at the curb.

## UTILITY NOTICES

**Winter Vacations:** Please consider shutting off your water in the basement if you will be out of town this winter. Shutting off water could prevent damage (and a large water bill) if you have plumbing problems while you are gone. Water cannot be shut off to some appliances, so make sure you review the requirements of your water-using appliances before you shut off the water.

**Snow Around Fire Hydrants:** The Edgerton Water Utility and the Edgerton Fire Protection District encourage residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants that are located near their property. Having easy access to fire hydrants will save precious time if the hydrant is needed to fight a fire. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## DOG AND CAT LICENSES



Dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2017. Please renew your pet's license before March 31, 2018 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Proof of rabies vaccination is **required** by the County in order to obtain a license. If you do not have a copy of your pet's vaccination record, contact your veterinarian for a duplicate copy.



## PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes for City of Edgerton Residents in Rock County can be paid in the Treasurer's Office at the Rock County Courthouse in Janesville. Dane County residents within the City of Edgerton can pay taxes at the Edgerton City Hall.

## Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Mayor	2 year
Alderson District 1	2 year
Alderson District 2	2 year
Alderson District 3	2 year
Municipal Judge	4 year

The first day to circulate nomination papers was Friday, December 1, 2017, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Papers for Aldersons and the Mayor are filed in the office of the City Clerk and papers for Municipal Judge are filed in the office of the County Clerk. Candidates can obtain papers at City Hall or at <http://gab.wi.gov>. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at City Hall.

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at [www.gab.wi.gov/voters](http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters) for everything you need to know about voting in Wisconsin. To learn more about the Voter Photo ID Law, go to [BringIt.Wisconsin.gov](http://BringIt.Wisconsin.gov)

## 2018 Street Construction Projects

- Chaucer Street reconstruction:** The Chaucer Street project will consist of the replacement of sewer, water, storm sewer, street resurface, curb and gutter, and sidewalk. Project details will be available in the spring.
- Broadway Street resurfacing:** The Broadway Street project will include street surface replacement and minimal curb and gutter repair.

## Large Item Schedule

Large items that do not fit in your tote will be collected two times per month—on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Residents with large items for collection must call Waste Management in advance of collection day to schedule the pickup. **1-888-960-0008**

## E-waste Pickup

Electronic waste, known as E-waste, cannot be disposed of through regular waste collection. City of Edgerton residents are eligible to bring e-waste to the collection event at the Edgerton City Garage at 315 W High St on:

**Saturday, April 7 and Saturday, September 29**

***Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2018!***