

THIS SESSION, WE ARE ASKING LAWMAKERS TO

ENSURE ALL MINNESOTANS ENJOY CLEAN WATER

FUND THE PFA WATER & WASTEWATER PROGRAMS



OUR PRIORITIES

Significant funding for Public Facilities Authority grant and loan programs to support water & wastewater infrastructure projects across Greater Minnesota.



If the Legislature fails to adequately fund water infrastructure programs:

- Environmental concerns will persist.
- Sewer & water rates will skyrocket as cities struggle to pay for these projects.
- Aging & failing infrastructure will continue to deteriorate, resulting in emergency situations & the need for costly immediate repairs.
- Economic growth will suffer.
- Construction costs will increase as projects are delayed.
- Potential for drinking water safety risks.



\$12 BILLION

The estimated amount needed over the next 20 years to keep up with drinking water & wastewater infrastructure needs statewide, according to the Minnesota Department of Health & the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.



Water infrastructure upgrades will also boost local economies with the creation of thousands of construction jobs across the state.

A high percentage of sewer & wastewater treatment systems are near the end of their expected useful life.



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SUPPORT \$250M TO IDENTIFY & REPLACE ALL RESIDENTIAL LEAD SERVICE LINES



THE ASK: KEEP PROGRAM FUNDED

The EPA requires all lead service lines in public drinking water systems be replaced by 2037. Minnesota established a goal to achieve the same by 2033. In 2023, the Legislature created a program to pay for inventorying and replacing all lead service lines in Minnesota and provided \$240 million in funding.



To ensure all communities can remove their lead lines, more funding is needed. We are requesting **\$250 million** to ensure that every community that requests funding receives it.

LEAD LINES ARE A STATEWIDE ISSUE

All cities were asked to complete their initial lead line inventory by 2024. There are still 210,075 unidentified lines.



A MASSIVE 87,139 IDENTIFIED LEAD LINES CURRENTLY REQUIRE REPLACEMENT.

If the Legislature fails to adequately fund lead service lines replacement programs,

LEAD CONTAMINATION WILL CONTINUE.

Cities across the state have replaced thousands of lines but the **funding will run out this year.**

Without state funding, communities **could lose the 2027 construction season** and struggle to meet state and federal removal deadlines.

The state was forced to cap the amount available to each city because of the extraordinary number of requests.

SUPPORT \$250M EACH BIENNIUM TO HIT MINNESOTA'S TARGET BY 2033.



Studies estimate replacing lead service pipes in Minnesota will create around

2,400 JOBS

annually for 10 years.



The Center for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics acknowledge there is

NO SAFE LEVEL OF LEAD EXPOSURE

for children.



The only way to permanently protect drinking water from lead is to remove old lead pipes and fixtures.