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**Dedham-Westwood Water District to Begin Working with Raybern Consulting to Conduct Home Inspections for the Water Service Line Inventory Project**

**Dedham, MA** – The Dedham-Westwood Water District will begin the final phase of its [Water Service Line Inventory Project](#) this month by working with Raybern Consulting in association with Baystate Winnsupply to begin inspecting remaining water service line connections that have not been [identified](#).

Customers who have an unidentified water service line will receive a series of mailed letters with instructions on how to schedule an inspection with Raybern Consulting in association with Baystate Winnsupply. To keep scheduling organized, Raybern will work in areas of approximately 1,200 customers or less at a time. It will take roughly nine weeks for an area to be completed. **Customers who choose not to respond to the letters may receive an unscheduled inspection.** Both the Westwood and Dedham Police departments are aware of this phase of the project.

“We’ve successfully inventoried 6,000 total water services, close to 50% of our total service line connections,” said Executive Director Blake Lukis. “Inspection appointments with Raybern will start in March and go through the summer as we still have close to 7,500 more service lines to inspect.”

The Water Service Line Inventory Project is being conducted to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) regulatory requirements.

The EPA announced the LCRR in December 2021 to better protect communities from exposure to lead in drinking water. The revised rule will require public water suppliers to create a lead service line inventory and replacement schedule by October 2024. In addition, sampling protocols have changed to better meet the science behind how lead and copper enter the water, and there are increased sampling requirements for schools and daycare facilities, which were previously not included in sampling programs.

For more information about inspections, including frequently asked questions, please visit the District’s [website](#).

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