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Suez Water Provides List of Bayonne Properties That Have or Don't Have Lead Service Lines

In keeping with a recent state mandate, Mayor Jimmy Davis announced that Suez Water has provided the City of Bayonne with a list of properties in Bayonne that specifies which properties have lead services lines and which properties do not. Service lines are the pipes that connect buildings to the water mains in the street. The same database also shows the properties that have galvanized service lines, non-lead service lines, and service lines with an unknown status. Mayor Davis said, "As required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Suez Water has provided the City of Bayonne the required information for posting on our municipal website. The database is immense, but it does allow for our residents and property owners to search it by property address to find out the status of the service lines leading into their homes and buildings."

Suez Water began compiling data about service lines a few years ago when it placed new water meters in Bayonne properties. The database is available for the public to search online on the City of Bayonne website, which is www.bayonnenj.org. Mayor Davis said, "Unlike most communities, we are very fortunate that Bayonne already has an existing service line status database and we have been able to identify the properties with lead service lines. Having a completed database puts us in a much better position to attack this issue as quickly as possible." Mayor Davis continued, "Suez Water is responsible for the database and the way in

which it is laid out. Their list is not arranged in street order. As a service to our residents, the City of Bayonne added a way for residents and property owners to save time and search for their addresses quickly in Suez Water's list of more than 12,000 addresses. In some cases, neighboring houses claim the same house number. By using block and lot numbers, people should be able to determine which service line information goes with which house."

To find an address in the database:

1. Press Ctrl+F, or go to **Home > Find & Select > Find**.
2. In the Find What: box, type the text, addresses or numbers you want to find. Click Find Next to run your search.
3. When searching, use E for East and W for West.
4. Use ST for STREET.
5. Sometimes the list uses AV for Avenue, and sometimes it uses AVENUE for Avenue. If AV does not produce results, then try AVENUE. If AVENUE does not produce results, then try AV.

According to Suez Water, there are 12,245 service lines connected to the Bayonne water system. Each type of service line has an abbreviation in the database. Out of that total, the majority (8,376, or about 68%) are non-lead (NL) lines. There are 2,335 properties with lead (L) lines. Another 338 have galvanized (G) lines. Suez Water has combined the Lead (L) and the Galvanized (G). Suez added Lead (L) lines and Galvanized (G) lines into a list it calls "known lead service lines," which represents about 21% (2,673) of the total. An additional 1,196, or nearly 10% of the total, are counted as "Lead Status Unknown," or UL. The Lead, Galvanized and "Lead Status Unknown" lines all need to be replaced.

Mayor Davis said, "The City of Bayonne will be working with Suez Water to find federal and/or state funding to pay for the replacement of lead service lines and the other lines that need to be changed out. Our goal is to obtain new service lines for our affected residents and property owners as quickly and efficiently as possible. In the coming weeks and months, we will have additional announcements to make as we develop a system for installing new service lines."

Suez Water has prepared a list of questions and answers about lead service lines. That material is on the City website, along with the database of addresses and their lead service line status.