

Autumn Drive Water and Sewer Improvements

Community WebEx Design Meeting

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Summary

Sanitary sewer mains will be replaced in an area bound by Autumn Court to the north, Bellaire Circle to the east, Winslow Drive and Overton Park to the south and Overton Park Drive East to the west.

Construction will impact the Overton Park neighborhood association.

What streets are impacted?

- Autumn Drive from the south cul-de-sac to Ranch View Road (water/sewer)
- Autumn Drive from Ranch View Road to Autumn Court (water/sewer)
- Autumn Court from Autumn Drive to the south dead end (water/sewer)
- Easement west of Autumn Drive from 700 feet north of the Ranch View Road/Autumn Drive intersection to 170 feet westerly then 50 feet northerly (sewer)
- Easement west of Autumn Drive from 1,000 feet north and 180 feet north of the Ranch View Road /Autumn Drive intersection to 250 feet north (sewer)

Why is Fort Worth Water doing this project?

Fort Worth prioritizes water and sewer line replacements based on available data which includes the water main break history, leak history, CCTV (closed circuit TV) inspection, age of the line, line material and whether there are lead service lines or cast iron service lines.

In this instance, the project was created because of the water cast iron pipe initiative the City of Fort Worth is implementing to reduce the amount of water main breaks, and due to the condition and age of the sanitary sewer lines in the area.

Do you replace the water service line up to my house?

We replace the City-owned service line to the property line. We also replace the water meter and meter box and will repair impacted areas on your property. We do not replace the water line from the water meter to your home or business.

The service line from the water meter to your home or business is considered private plumbing and, in the event of a leak, repairs need to be done by a licensed plumber at the homeowners' expense.

Will you need access to our property?

This construction is in the public right-of-way, and/or in utility easements. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property we will contact you prior to the start of construction.

Will our sewer service be disrupted?

Sanitary sewer service will not be interrupted. New sewer cleanouts will be installed at the property line. The sewer cleanout provides crews easy access if a backup or blockage occurs. The sewer line from the cleanout to the house is the owner's responsibility to maintain.

What part of the sewer line are customers responsible for?

The City side of the line starts at the main in the street and goes to the customer's sewer cleanout.

The customer's side of the service line goes from the sewer cleanout to the house and includes all plumbing inside the house.

Will our water be turned off?

Water will be turned off for 15-30 minutes when service is transferred from the existing line to a temporary water line, and when the service is transferred from the temporary to the new line. These switchovers are done during the day.

The contractor will knock on the door and let customers know when the water will be turned off. The transfer typically takes 30 minutes per house or business.

How does the temporary line impact my home and water bill?

The temporary water line insures that you are not without water during construction.

In the summer months the continuous flow keeps the water from becoming stagnant in the above-ground line. The bill for your water usage while you are on the temporary line during the warmer months is based on an average of the previous months' usage.

During the winter months, water must be continually flowing through the temporary line to keep the line from freezing. Customers should also keep their faucets dripping.

If you are on a temporary water line and are advised to keep your water running when the temperature drops below freezing, Fort Worth will credit your account for water use above your normal daily use.

If you see water running down the street, don't turn it off.

Before we can connect your services to the new water line, the inspector has to take water samples. We call that "flushing the line."

The water flow – from flushing the line - will be continuous until two consecutive water samples pass the bacteriological test. You will be connected to the new water main after we achieve those two successful samples.

When it is time to sample the water flowing through the new water main, the contractor will place traffic cones around the valve to prevent anyone from parking over the valve. Do not move the cones, don't park over the cones and don't turn off the water valve.

Are we getting new curb, gutter and sidewalks?

Existing curb/gutter, sidewalks and driveways will NOT be replaced except in certain circumstances, which includes those that are damaged by the contractor during construction.

The contractor may need to remove and replace some curb, gutter, and sidewalks to restore services. The contractor will also remove and replace driveway approaches that currently have water meters located in the approach that must be relocated.

What happens if my property is damaged?

The contractor will take pictures and video of the property before breaking ground. We also encourage property owners to take pictures and video of their property before construction starts. The contractor will restore the property to its original condition.

Will construction affect my irrigation?

The contractor will ask property owners to turn on the irrigation system so sprinkler heads can be located and flagged. The contractor has to cap irrigation lines before construction starts. The contractor will replace capped or damaged irrigation systems.

Are there restrictions on when we can water our lawns?

Yes, the requirements include:

- No watering by irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.;
- Watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose *is allowed at any time*;
- A twice-a-week irrigation system or sprinkler schedule with assigned day for all water customers
 - Monday – no watering allowed
 - Tuesday and Friday – Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks and common areas)
 - Wednesday and Saturday (even numbers) – Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
 - Thursday and Sunday (odd numbers) – Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 9

Will there be lane closures during construction?

Expect lane closures during construction when the contractor is installing the water and sewer lines. Signs will be posted to alert motorists.

The hours of construction are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday and, if requested by the contractor, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m./5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Did you know that the gas company is going to be doing gas work on the court?

The gas company starts way ahead of us to do their work before we come in, so they will do all of their work before we start.

Will the city's trash truck be able to pick up my trash and recycling during construction?

If your side of the street is closed on your scheduled trash collection day, the contractor will take your trash and recycling carts to the opposite side of the street so the trash collection vehicle can pick it up.

What is the timeline for this project?

This is a design meeting. The next steps include:

- Advertising for bids for construction
- Opening bids
- City council approval to award the bid to the contractor
- Pre-construction meeting with the contractor and inspector
- A community construction meeting to update those impacted by the project
- At this time, we expect that construction will start in the spring of 2023.

Where can I get more information?

Progress will be updated on the City of Fort Worth website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-autumn-drive-water-and-sewer-improvements>.

You can also go to www.FortWorthTexas.gov and put the project number – 102785-2 - in the search bar on the home page.

The link to this meeting video, the project map, and the project summary/frequently asked questions will be linked to this project page.

How do I report an emergency or non-emergency?

Emergencies

Water main breaks, sewer backups - 24 hours a day

817-392-4477, [Select Option 1](#)

Water Call Center (non-emergency)

- 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday
- 817-392-4477
- Closed City holidays

Download the MyFW app from the App Store or Google Play. You can report sewer overflows, leaks and water main breaks, missing or broken meter lids, water theft, water violations, no water service, water pressure issues and other sewer concerns.

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