

**Church Street Water & Sewer Improvements**  
**WebEx virtual Community Construction Meeting**

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## **Project Overview**

This project is in Council District 5. Landmarks include Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel and Cemetery to the east, East Lancaster Avenue to the south and Rush Creek Church to the west.

Construction will impact the Handley neighborhood association and the Neighborhoods of East Fort Worth neighborhood association area.

## **Project area**

Fort Worth Water will replace existing water and sewer mains on Church Street from Milam Street - to the west - to Rosehill Drive to the east.

Church Street is currently asphalt. Once the water and sewer mains are replaced, the contractor will pave the street with asphalt.

## **Why are we 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 or cast iron water service lines.

This project is being done because the majority of the existing water lines are cast iron pipes.

## **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 street. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property we will contact you.

### **Will the sewer 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 aboveground line.

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.

The bill for your water usage while you are on the temporary line is based on an average of the previous months' usage.

### **If you see water running down the street, do not turn it off**

Before we can connect your services to the new water line, we have to flush the line.

The water flow – from flushing the line – will be continuous until the inspector gets the samples for that day. You will be connected to the new water main after two consecutive samples pass the bacteriological test.

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. Don't move the cones, don't park over the cones and don't turn off the water valve.

### **Are we getting new curb, gutter and driveways?**

The City will replace the part of your driveway that is in the City right-of-way, which is referred to as the “apron” or “driveway approach.”

Existing curb and gutter – that has been removed as part of construction - will be replaced once the water and sanitary sewer mains are in place, and, the service lines are connected to the new mains.

Sidewalks are not included in this improvement project.

### **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 commences.

Damage resulting from the contractor's activities during construction is the responsibility of the contractor.

### **Will water & sewer construction affect my irrigation?**

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

The contractor will replace capped or damaged irrigation systems.

### **Are there restrictions on when we can water our lawns?**

There are no restrictions on watering your *lawn if you are using a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose*. You can continue to water your lawn while construction is underway.

*Requirements include:*

- No watering by irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- As we said above, watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose is allowed at any time, including during construction.

There is a twice-a-week irrigation system or sprinkler schedule.

- Monday: No watering allowed
- Tuesday and Friday: Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks and common areas) can water
- Wednesday and Saturday (even numbers): Residential addresses that end in 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8 can water
- Thursday and Sunday (odd numbers): Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 can water

### **Will there be lane closures during construction?**

There will be lane closures 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.

### **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 construction timeline?**

Construction will start at the end of April 2022. The projected end date is the winter of 2023 (December 2022-February 2023).

The end date is updated on the project page on the City of Fort Worth website - <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-church-street-water-and-sewer-improvements>.

### **How will we know construction is starting?**

You will receive two door hangers. The first one says, "Construction starts in 7 days." The second door hanger says, "Construction starts tomorrow." The inspector will include his/her business card and contact information on the door hanger.

### **Where can I get more information?**

Progress will be updated on the City of Fort Worth website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-church-street-water-and-sewer-improvements>. You can also go to [www.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov) and enter "102785" 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?**

If it is an emergency - water main break/sewer backup - call 817-392-4477 and select Option 1. Option 1 is answered 24 hours a day.

If it is not an emergency, your call goes to the Water Call Center. The center staff responds to calls between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday. It is the same phone number, 817-392-4477.

The Water Call Center is closed on City holidays. Those holidays include Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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