

Terms used to describe the status of a Water Main Replacement Project

Pending – Planned but no start date set yet

We will deliver a notice to your property just prior to the start of construction.

Installing Water Main

The contractor is saw-cutting and excavating in the roadway to lay new water main in the ground. The construction trench will be backfilled and brought back up to elevation of the street as the construction crew moves along the project.

Flushing Sampling Testing

Milwaukee Water Works technicians are conducting pressure and water quality tests on the newly installed pipe. The pipe installation is complete and the site may appear to be idle as the contractor may not be on-site daily. The contractor is still responsible for maintaining site conditions of the project during the testing phase. As part of our testing process, we require the contractor to continuously flush the water through the new water main during water sampling. On a typical water project, the testing period could range from one-two weeks in duration.

Wet connection and connection of services

After the water main has successfully passed testing, the pipe is connected to our water system and the existing water services are connected to new main. Water service will be interrupted for periods of time while these connections are being made. You may be out of water service for an entire working day while the contractor connects the new main to our system. Connecting individual services to the new main will be a service interruption of a couple of hours. We will deliver notices to your property prior to these service interruptions.

Pavement Restoration

The contractor grades and prepares the excavation for permanent pavement awaiting the paving subcontractor to place the asphalt or concrete. The restored area of the road may be closed or protected by road plates and barricades while pavement cures or dries. During pavement replacement, access to your driveway may be blocked for a few days. We will notify you so you can make alternate parking arrangements with Night Parking Permission.

Final Restoration

Crews finish up smaller projects to restore the grassy areas between the sidewalk and curb that may have been disturbed by the excavation and installation work. The contractor will be removing traffic control from the site and demobilizing from the project.

Work completed

Enjoy your new connection to Milwaukee water!