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Water Main and Lead Service Replacement



The City of Hastings Water Department has been working since 2022 to replace aging water mains and lead service lines.

The City of Hastings began a water main replacement program in 2022. Hastings has about 205 miles of water main. Parts of the system are aging (up to 140 years old), undersized, and the rate of pipe failures has doubled in the last 20 years.

To address these challenges, it is the City's goal to replace 1% of our water main system annually. The initial focus is to replace 4-inch, cast iron water main in residential areas as it is some of the oldest in the system and also the smallest. New main installments will primarily be 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

In conjunction with the main replacement, the city is also removing lead water service lines in those same neighborhoods. There are currently about 1300 lead water service lines in Hastings. The goal is to have all lead water services replaced in 10 years.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in 2021 directed \$50 billion dollars towards nationwide lead water service replacement. Hastings Utilities was the first community in Nebraska to apply for and receive this support, saving the ratepayers about 75% per lead water service that is replaced.

Through June 2026, About 4 miles of water main have been replaced in Hastings and 308 lead water services have been replaced.

The 2026-2027 fiscal year should be a busy one with two miles of main and 150 lead services scheduled for replacement. Both numbers are the highest to date.