

# LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT



## Fund Your Drinking Water Quality Project with Colorado's State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program

### What Is Lead Service Line Replacement?

Lead typically enters drinking water through corrosion of lead service lines. According to the EPA and CDC, lead poses serious health risks, especially to children. Under the EPA's 2024 Lead and Copper Rule, communities are required to inventory and replace these lines. Colorado's SRF program offers financing to help communities meet this public health mandate.

### Eligible Lead Service Line Replacement Project Types

Colorado's Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRP) can provide funding for the following lead service line replacement initiatives:

- **Lead pipe identification and inventory:** Locating and documenting the presence of lead service lines within a water system.
- **Partial lead service line replacement:** Replacement of only the public portion of the service line while ensuring coordination with property owners to address private portions.
- **Full lead service line replacement:** Removal and replacement of the entire lead pipe, including both the public and private portions of the service line.

### Why Use the SRF for Lead Service Line Replacement?

The DWRP provides affordable financing for lead service line replacement, with key benefits:

- ✓ Supports **compliance** with the new federal Lead and Copper Rule requirements.
- ✓ Includes **dedicated funding** specifically for lead service replacement projects.
- ✓ **Safeguards public health** by removing dangerous lead pipes that pose a health risk to the community.
- ✓ Enables utilities to **upscale their investment** in these programs allowing faster and more widespread implementation.
- ✓ Offers **low-interest loans and principal forgiveness**, with a reimbursement-based funding structure – meaning projects can begin without waiting for funds to be disbursed.

### Greeley, Colorado Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement

In 2024, The City of Greeley received a **\$21 million SRF loan** with \$10 million of loan forgiveness to locate and replace all remaining water service lines containing lead. The loan enables Greeley to set ambitious goals for lead line replacement, including **service line replacements at more than 200 properties in 2025** alone. This multi-year project demonstrates how SRF loans can help inventory and replace lead service lines and receive significant loan forgiveness.

Learn more at [Greeley's website](#).

### Get Free Application Support From WaterNow!

WaterNow offers **pro-bono** technical assistance to help municipalities and utilities navigate and apply for SRF funding. We can help you:

- Navigate SRF project eligibility requirements
- Understand and complete pre-application steps
- Align project benefits with SRF scoring criteria
- Learn how to qualify for additional subsidies, including loan principal forgiveness
- Connect with expert support, and more!

Visit the [Colorado SRF Dashboard](#) and fill out the TA request form to get started!

