

CITY SCENE—FEBRUARY 2023

STATE OF MINNESOTA LEAD AND COPPER RULE

The Lead and Copper Rule is designed to protect children and families from exposure to lead in drinking water.

The State of Minnesota is working with municipalities to gather information relevant to the Lead and Copper Rule. The Lead and Copper Rule requires that community water systems test for lead in drinking water. The rule uses science-based testing protocols to help identify other potential sources of lead in drinking water.

Many homes and businesses across the United States have service lines made of lead; a toxic metal that is especially dangerous to young developing brains. The only long-term solution to protect public health is to remove these lead pipes and replace them with updated copper or plastic piping. Congress banned the use of lead pipes in 1986 but did allow those already in the ground to remain.

The new rule requires that water systems identify the locations of lead service-lines. This will help establish a trigger level to jumpstart mitigation earlier and drive more and complete lead service-line replacement programs.

To determine what your service-line is made of, homeowners can check at the location of their water meter. The line coming in from outside the home and attached to the water meter, is the service-line in question. It will be comprised of copper, plastic, or a lead/metal material. We are asking homeowners to help us inventory the service lines within the City of Newfolden. Those with lead service lines may be eligible for financial assistance.

**We are asking all property owners to complete the survey below and return to the City of Newfolden.
The survey can be returned with your monthly utility payment.**

WATER SERVICE LINE SURVEY

Property Owner: _____ Physical Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

DATE: _____ THE WATER SERVICE LINE AT THIS LOCATION IS (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE):

COPPER PLASTIC LEAD OTHER: _____

HOW TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS ON-LINE

Management of your account online is a safe and secure service that encrypts the utility bill when you enter your user name and password. You can opt to pay your bill online with a credit card or by e-check. There is a small service fee; this service fee, in most cases, would be less than the late fee you could incur if your payment was delayed. This service fee is assessed at a rate of \$3.99 per \$100.00 utility bill.

Follow registration instructions below for your on-line bill paying options.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VIEW AND PAY YOUR UTILITY ACCOUNTS ON-LINE

- ◆ To register go to: www.ub-pay.com
- ◆ You will need your first and last name, account numbers, and the City Code. NOTE: Each utility card you receive is a separate utility account with a unique account number. You will need to register one online account for each separate account number you wish to manage online. After you register one account number, log off, and begin the process anew for the next account number. The account numbers are located on each utility card. The City Codes are specific to the type of account. The codes ARE case sensitive.
- ◆ If you are registering to manage your Electric (CI and Mosquito) utility—
THE CITY CODE IS: NewFoldenElectric
- ◆ If you are registering to manage your Water, Sewer, and Refuse utility—
THE CITY CODE IS: NewFoldenWater
- ◆ Once you have registered to view your utility accounts, you are ready to make on-line utility payments!

2023 NEWFOLDEN CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT REBATE PROGRAM

Conservation improvement rebates are available to residents of Newfolden for qualifying:

1. Low-E Windows and Insulate Exterior Doors;
2. Refrigerators, dishwashers, washers & dryers, dehumidifiers;
3. Hot water-heaters;
4. Room and central air conditioners;
5. Programmable thermostats;
6. Air Source heat pumps;
7. Compact fluorescent light-bulbs;
8. T5 or T8 Fixtures;
9. LED bulbs and fixtures.



Each item may be required to meet specific criteria as outlined in the Newfolden CI Rebate program.

All items must be rated energy-star compliant. A \$1,000.00 annual limit applies to each account.

A receipt of sale, dated within one year of the request, and supporting documentation must accompany your application.

To learn more or to obtain a copy of the Newfolden CI Rebate Program brochure, visit:
www.ci.newfolden.mn.us, email: newfolden@wiktel.com, or call: 874-7135

YOU ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN HUMBLEBEE'S SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM!

Are you or your spouse 60 years of age or older? Then you are eligible to participate in the senior meal program!

A single form needs to be completed, after which meal tickets are purchased at the Marshall County State Bank. The more who participate in Senior Meals, the better it is for the senior meal program and for the long-term success of the Humblebees Café.

Seniors meals can be delivered if you are unable to leave your home. They can also be picked up for take-home or enjoyed as a sit-down meal in the Café.

Nutritious Senior Meals are sponsored, in part, by Lutheran Social Services and are available to anyone over the age of sixty. Tickets are available for a suggested donation, however, participants are asked to pay only what they can afford to pay.

Call Humblebees at 874-2323 for a copy of a monthly menu or for any other questions you may have!

If you, your church, business, or service organization would like to learn more about how you can make a difference and volunteer for senior meals as part of the Newfolden area Meals-On-Wheels Program, please contact the City of Newfolden:

218-874-7135 or newfolden@wiktel.com

Thank you to our Current Meals On Wheels Volunteers:

E. Free Church * Marshall County Mutual Insurance * Marshall County Central School District * Newfolden Lion's Club Living at Home Block Nurse Program Steve Gast * Kari Lindemoen * Carol and Arlie Peterson

Marshall County State Bank

SHOW AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE! NOMINATE A KIND WORD OR DEED!

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

WHY IS THIS PERSON WORTHY OF RECOGNITION OR APPRECIATION:

SUBMITTED BY (NOT REQUIRED): _____