

Construction Preparation and Considerations for Residents

Public Works knows construction can be very disruptive and frustrating for residents. Working together we can build a new street and minimize the overall impact on residents. Suggestions for residents to help minimize disruptions and prepare for construction are listed below.

Pre-construction preparation and considerations

1. Water service

- a. St Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) replaces **LEAD** water services in the right-of-way (from the street to the side of the sidewalk closest to your house).
- b. Consider reviewing the water service on your private property and determining if replacement or work needs to be done.
- c. For more information regarding lead water services and to determine if you have a lead water service connection, visit: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/water-services/lead-household-water>

2. Sewer service

- a. Property owners are responsible for the sewer pipes from their house to the main sewer pipe in the street. This includes a portion of pipe that is buried under the roadway.
- b. Consider inspecting your sewer and doing any necessary repairs during street construction. During street construction, the costs of repair are lower.
- c. As part of the street construction, the city may have notified the property owner about replacing the portion of your sewer pipe that is within the right-of-way. While you are still responsible for the cost of this repair, the cost is lower during construction.
- d. The notification about repairing your sewer included a sewer service waiver form. Please indicate whether you are interested in pursuing an option presented in the notice by returning the form. A response is not necessary, but welcome, as no response leads to the default that nothing will be done if you do not choose an option presented in the form.
- e. For more information about your sewer connection and to find a licensed and bonded sewer contractor, visit: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/sewer-utility/proper-care-your-private-sewer-line>
- f. You should review your service needs with a licensed and bonded plumber.

3. Items in the boulevard/public right-of-way (usually grass and trees along the street, often between the street and sidewalk).

- a. Remove landscaping items/materials from the boulevard the spring before construction.

- b. Disconnect/remove sprinklers or other irrigation systems in the boulevard or near the property line/right-of-way.
 - c. Remove pavers or stones of any kind in the boulevard. Pavers on private property that abut public facilities should be removed to allow proper installation of public facilities, i.e. driveway or sidewalk pavers.
 - d. Remove any plantings that are not grass or trees.
 - e. Items not removed from the boulevard/public right-of-way will be removed during construction and not replaced. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that items are removed no later than May 31st. Any damages to items left in the boulevard will be the responsibility of the property owner.
- 4. Clean out garage or alley driveway to provide off-street parking during construction.
- 5. Be certain address is posted on alley-side of garage as required by law. This facilitates alternate access for emergency services and deliveries.
- 6. Review condition and position of fences/retaining walls near the property line, especially along the sidewalk, so that any work to remove encroachments from the public right-of-way can be completed by May 31st.

Considerations during construction

1. Communications

- a. Check for electronic communications from the city. This would include emails, text messages, door hangers, and website updates. Please consider signing up for these alerts.
- b. Check your street-side door for notices throughout construction. Notices regarding access and utility disruptions may be posted there.
- c.

2. Parking

- a. During construction, street parking may not be available at times.
- b. Once gravel is placed on the roadway, overnight parking may be allowed, but parked cars must be removed from the construction site by 7AM or risk being towed. If you park on the street, please post your contact information (address and/or phone number) in the car's window so the project team can attempt to contact you to move your car instead of towing it.

3. Driveway access

- a. If you have a street-facing driveway, there will be times when your driveway will be inaccessible or your car may become 'trapped' in your driveway due to construction or concrete curing times.
- b. Please plan ahead and check your street-side door for notices regarding concrete driveway apron and sidewalk work. This will prevent your car from being stuck in your driveway and prevent damage to your new apron.

4. Alley access

- a. At times alley access will be unavailable. Attempts will be made to coordinate alley access disruptions with recycling and trash pickup, as well as street disruptions. If

possible, the contractor will only close one end of an alley at a time to allow access for trash, recycling or emergency vehicles.

5. Water disruptions

- a. There will usually be two times when your water will be disconnected for short periods of time: the first to allow for your new connection to a temporary watermain, and then a second time when you are disconnected from the temporary watermain and connected to the new watermain.
 - b. City staff will post a notice on your door regarding when this will happen. Be certain to check your street-side door for notices each day.
6. Notify City Design and Construction staff of work you have planned on your private property. This includes things like roofing, siding, remodeling, painting, etc. The more notice the project team receives, the easier it will be to schedule and provide accessibility.