



SUMMARY:

Service Line Replacements: The City of Shelley completed a drinking water service line inventory in October 2024 to comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. The inventory identified galvanized service lines located downstream of lead pipe connections that must be replaced. The City secured funding from the EPA and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to replace these lines.

Water Metering: The City Council has approved installation of water meters citywide to improve water conservation, detect leaks, and increase eligibility for funding.

PROJECT:

In 2025, the City contracted to begin service line replacements and install water meter pits along West Fir Street. The project will continue through 2028. Wherever possible, meter pits will be placed in the public right-of-way in the sidewalk, park strip, or between the property line and sidewalk. However, for both safety and aesthetics, the City may seek the owners’ approval to place the meter pit just inside the private property line. The City will own, maintain, and have access to the system from the main service line to the meter pit.

Construction may temporarily affect landscaping, sidewalks and driveways, traffic and on-street parking, pedestrian access, and water service. All disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction condition by the City. The City will attempt to provide advance notice of water service interruptions. Water rates are scheduled to be discussed and adjusted accordingly (currently set for City Council meeting April 8, 2026).

Optional Additional Services: As part of the project, property owners may elect from the following options:

- (1) Owners may elect to leave the existing private water service line left alone without further disturbance to their property, leaving the line for replacement at some future time at owners’ discretion and expense; or
- (2) Owners may elect to replace the existing private water service line during construction from the meter box to within five feet of their foundation and paid for by project funds. If the owners elect to replace their private service line, then they may either (a) have the City’s contractor leave the trench open and connection exposed for the owners’ own plumber to complete installation of the replacement line into the home to the shut off valve at the owners’ expense, or (b) have the City’s contractor close the trench, restore the property to pre-construction condition, and have the replacement line completed into the home at some future time at the owners’ own discretion and expense.

WHAT THE CITY IS REQUESTING OF YOU:

Review this information and the enclosed Meter Pit and Service Line Election Agreement. Provide your name and property address to the form, and select the option(s) that you prefer. Sign the agreement and return to City Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Director, Justin Johnson, at (208) 681-3392, cityshop@cityofshelley.org.

