



## Know Your Role

Maintaining Yorkton's water and sewer systems is a shared effort between the City and property owners. The City ensures key infrastructure, such as water mains, curb stops, and water meters, are properly managed to deliver safe, reliable services. At the same time, property owners play a critical role in maintaining their private water and sewer connections to prevent service interruptions and costly repairs.

By staying informed of your responsibilities, performing regular maintenance, and taking proactive measures to protect your service connections, you contribute to the long-term reliability of our city's water and sewer infrastructure. Together, we can ensure a sustainable and efficient system that benefits everyone.

# WATER & SEWER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

## Customer Guide

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# CUSTOMER CONSIDERATIONS

The following are recommended customer considerations for a property's Water and Sewer Services

## Customer Maintenance

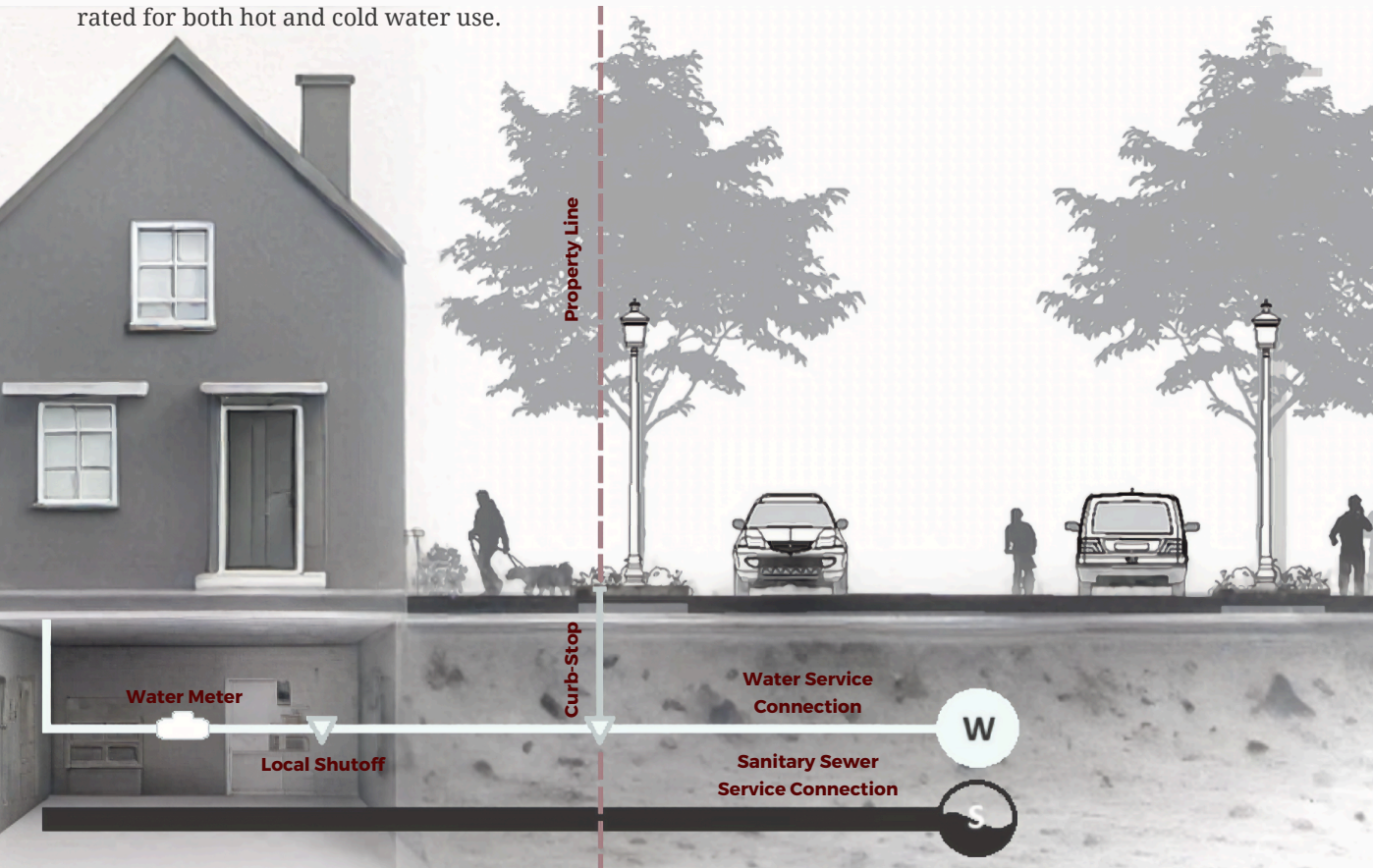
- **Shutoff Valves:** Operate annually to ensure functionality.
- **Equipment Protection:** Water meters must be installed horizontally, and remain accessible, and protected as required by the Waterworks, Sewer and Water Management and Servicing Bylaw
- **Freeze Prevention:** Safeguard water and sewer services from freezing during the winter months.

## Service Replacements

- **Water Service Connection:** If a customer engages the City for a full-service replacement; the City shall replace the line from the water main to the local shutoff valve. Plumbing beyond this requires a certified plumber.
- **Sewer Service Connection:** Similarly in a full-service replacement; the City shall replace the line from the sewer main to the building drain (1 meter from the foundation). Upstream changes require a certified plumber.
- **Water Meter:** Should the water meter be required to move, a placeholder meter can be requested to assist with internal plumbing connections; the City must install a functional meter before water service reactivation.

## Additional Considerations

- **Electrical Grounding:** If upgrading from copper to plastic water lines, contact a certified electrician to verify grounding of the property has not been compromised.
- **Backflow Prevention:** Per the NPCC, plumbing systems must have a double-check backflow prevention device and thermal expansion tank upstream of the water meter in the event upgraded water supply piping is not rated for both hot and cold water use.



# WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

## CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Water Meter & Curb Stop Care**
  - The City is responsible for supplying, inspecting, and maintaining water meters. Similarly, the City manages the supply, inspection, and upkeep of the curb stop, an external valve typically located near the property line.
- **Voluntary Main Management**
  - The City oversees the portion of the water service connection between the water main and the curb stop to minimize the risk of unnecessary damage.
- **Frozen Service Solutions**
  - If a service connection freezes, the City will arrange thawing services. The first thaw is provided free of charge during regular working hours.

## PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Water Service Connection**
  - Property owners are responsible for maintaining, repairing, or replacing the water service connection between the curb stop and the water meter, including the local shutoff valve located inside the property.
- **Sanitary Sewer Service Connection**
  - Property owners are responsible for maintaining, repairing, or replacing the sanitary sewer service connection between the building's sanitary drain and the sanitary sewer main.
- **Internal Plumbing**
  - Property owners are responsible for all maintenance, repairs, or replacements of water supply piping, valves, and fixtures downstream of the water meter, as well as sanitary sewer piping, valves, and fixtures upstream of the building's sanitary drain.