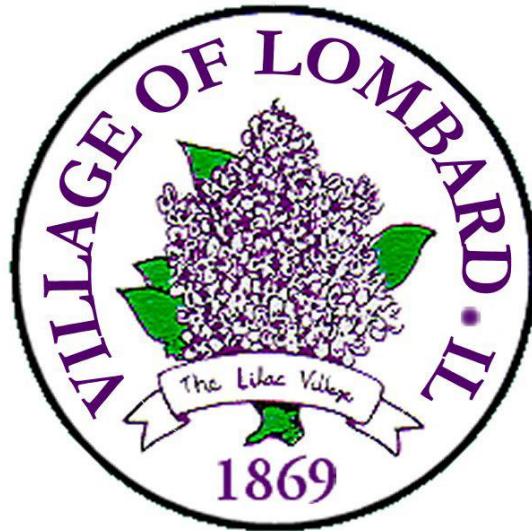


# Village of Lombard



## **LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM** (VILLAGE COST SHARING – 50% of ELIGIBLE PREAPPROVED COSTS)

### **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM COST SHARING PROGRAM:**

Lead is generally not present in source water, but can be present in tap water through corrosion of the water service pipe and plumbing materials that are made of lead. Homes that were built before 1970 most likely have lead service lines, or that have internal plumbing and fixtures that contain lead. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Section 1417 (a)(1) required that after June 19, 1986 only “lead-free” pipe, solder, or flux shall be used for the installation or repair of any plumbing in residential or non-residential properties providing water for human consumption, which is connected to a public water supply. Financial assistance in the form of a reimbursement up to \$1,500 per water service towards the cost of the replacement of the property owner’s private lead water service.

# **LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

## **Table of Contents**

Lead Water Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program .....	3
EXHIBIT A: WATER SERVICE DIAGRAM – Lead on Public Portion .....	5
EXHIBIT B: WATER SERVICE DIAGRAM – Lead on Private Portion .....	6
EXHIBIT C: WATER SERVICE DIAGRAM – Lead on both Public and Private Portions.....	7
Lead Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program .....	9
Application .....	9
LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REIMBURSEMENT .....	10
LETTER OF AGREEMENT.....	10
REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FORM.....	11

# **Lead Water Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program**

## **What is it?**

The Lead Service Line Replacement Program was established to provide financial assistance to homeowners who desire to replace their lead water service line to reduce the exposure to lead and to mitigate the risk of consuming water that may contain lead. Eligible homeowners may qualify for a 50% cost sharing to install a new water service line of approved materials as stated in the Illinois State Plumbing Code and in accordance to the Village of Lombard Lead Abatement in Potable Water SOP #XX.

## **What is a Lead Service Line and how do I know if I have one?**

A lead service line is the pipe that provides drinking water to your home from the water main in the Village right-of-way. Lead service lines are generally a dull gray in color and are very soft. You can identify them easily by carefully scratching with a key or other object. If the pipe is made of lead, the area you scratched will turn bright silver in color. Do not use a knife or other sharp instrument as you may puncture a hole in the pipe. Lead service lines may be connected to your home's plumbing as it enters the building using solder and have a typical "bulb" at the end near the shut off valve. You can contact a licensed plumber to inspect your water service line if you are not sure.

## **What is a Private Lead Water Service?**

It is the portion of the water service running from the curb stop (valve) in the Village right-of-way up to the water meter inside the building that is substantially composed of lead.

## **Why Should I Replace my Lead Service?**

Lead is generally not present in source water, but can be present in tap water through corrosion of the water service pipe and plumbing materials that are made of lead. The effect of lead in drinking water is a particular concern for pregnant women and children under 6 years old, because lead can affect a child's neurological development. It's recommended that people with lead water service pipes flush their tap water for at least five minutes twice a day. However, water flushing is not ideal since it is a waste of drinking water (1,000 gallons per month) and can also become expensive. The use of filters or buying bottled water for drinking and cooking can also become costly and may not be a feasible permanent solution.

## **Am I Eligible for the reimbursement if my Service Line is not Made of Lead?**

No. The reimbursement can only be utilized toward the replacement of private water services that are substantially composed of lead. Copper and other services do not apply.

### **Who is Eligible and what are the Average Costs?**

Property owners of residential property within the Village can qualify for the program if the following criteria are met:

1. Must have a confirmed private lead water service.
2. Must receive water from the Village of Lombard.
3. Must not have commenced replacement of private lead water service prior to reimbursement approval by the Village.
4. Have current and paid property taxes at the time of application for the reimbursement.
5. Must not be delinquent in any fees or payments to the Village of Lombard.

The cost of lead service line replacement is site specific. Actual cost of replacement reflects a number of factors including the size and length of the service line, the technique used for installation, and pre-existing conditions (i.e. accessibility, finished basements, etc.). Typical service line replacement costs can range \$75 - \$100 per linear foot or \$3,000 to \$6,000 depending on length of the service line.

### **Eligible costs are as follows:**

- Cost of location, excavation and exposure of the private lead water service, pipe materials, and internal plumbing modifications up to the water meter.
- Cost of trenching and concrete floor repairs.
- Cost of grass seeding to restore disrupted grass/lawns.
- Applicable permit fees.

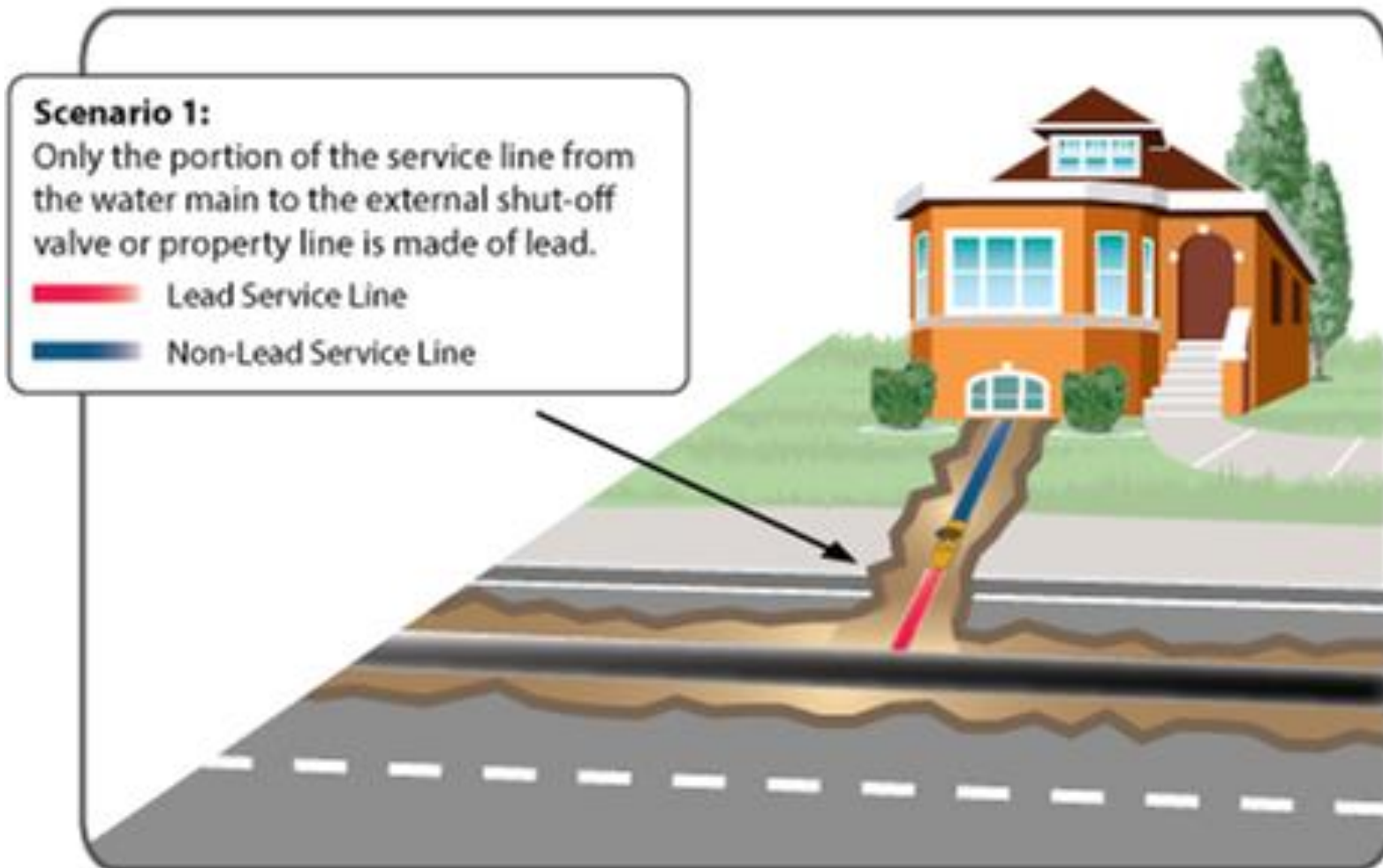
### **Non-Eligible Costs:**

- Removal and Replacement of interior walls and finishes.
- Use of materials not meeting the requirements of the Village's guide specifications or Village Codes.
- Ancillary homeowner improvements to include interior plumbing and fixtures not necessary in the replacement of the lead water service.
- Planting or replacement of new landscaping (bushes, trees, sod, fences, walls, driveways, etc.)

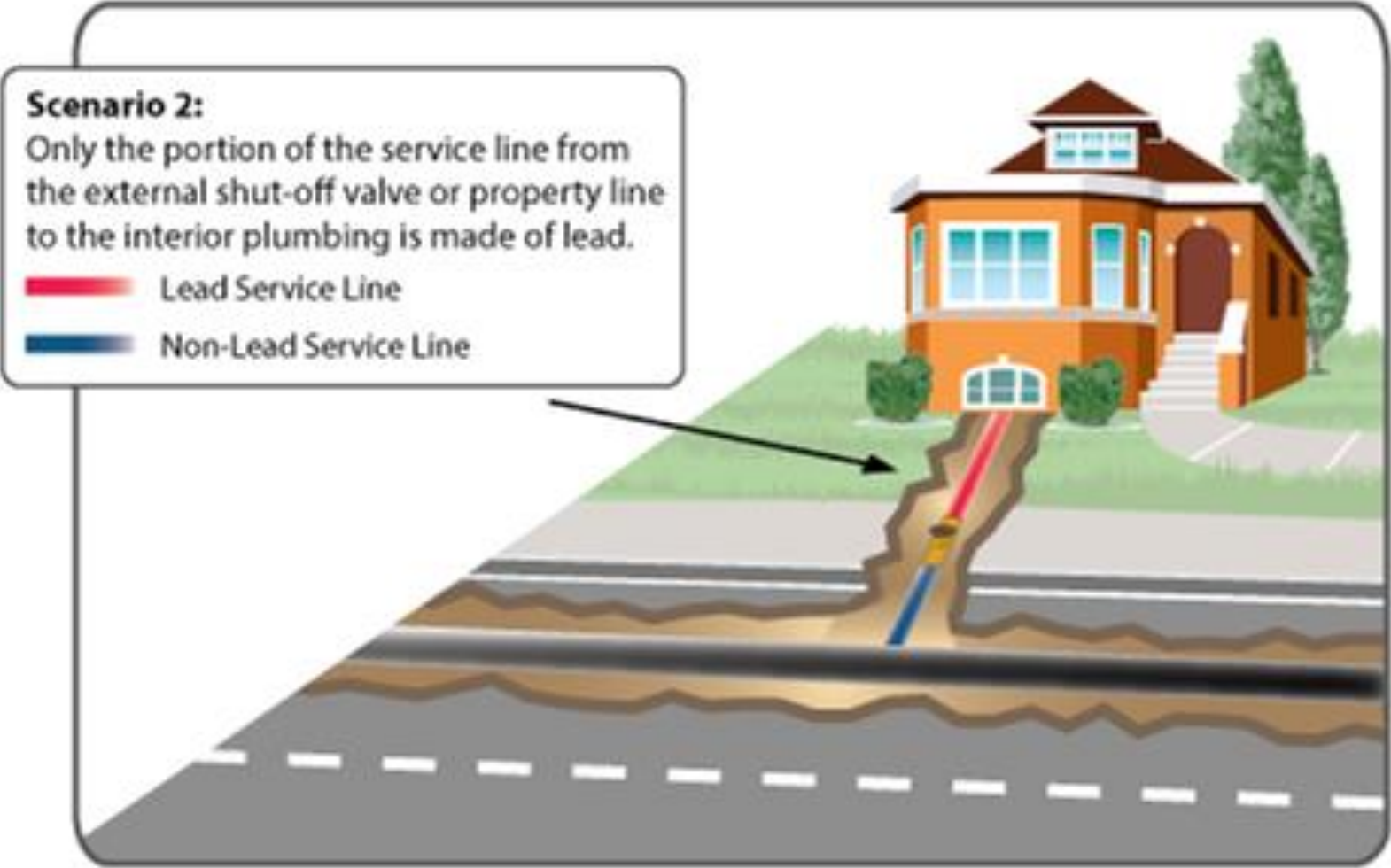
### **General Plumbing Notes**

1. In order to qualify for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program Cost Sharing: The existing water service to the property must be confirmed as lead in material and must receive water from the Village of Lombard.
2. Minimum one inch (1") Type K copper or other approved material per the Illinois State Plumbing Code is required.
3. All fittings shall be certified NSF/ANSI 61 brass.
3. Contractor shall restore all interior and exterior surfaces disturbed due to excavation in-kind.

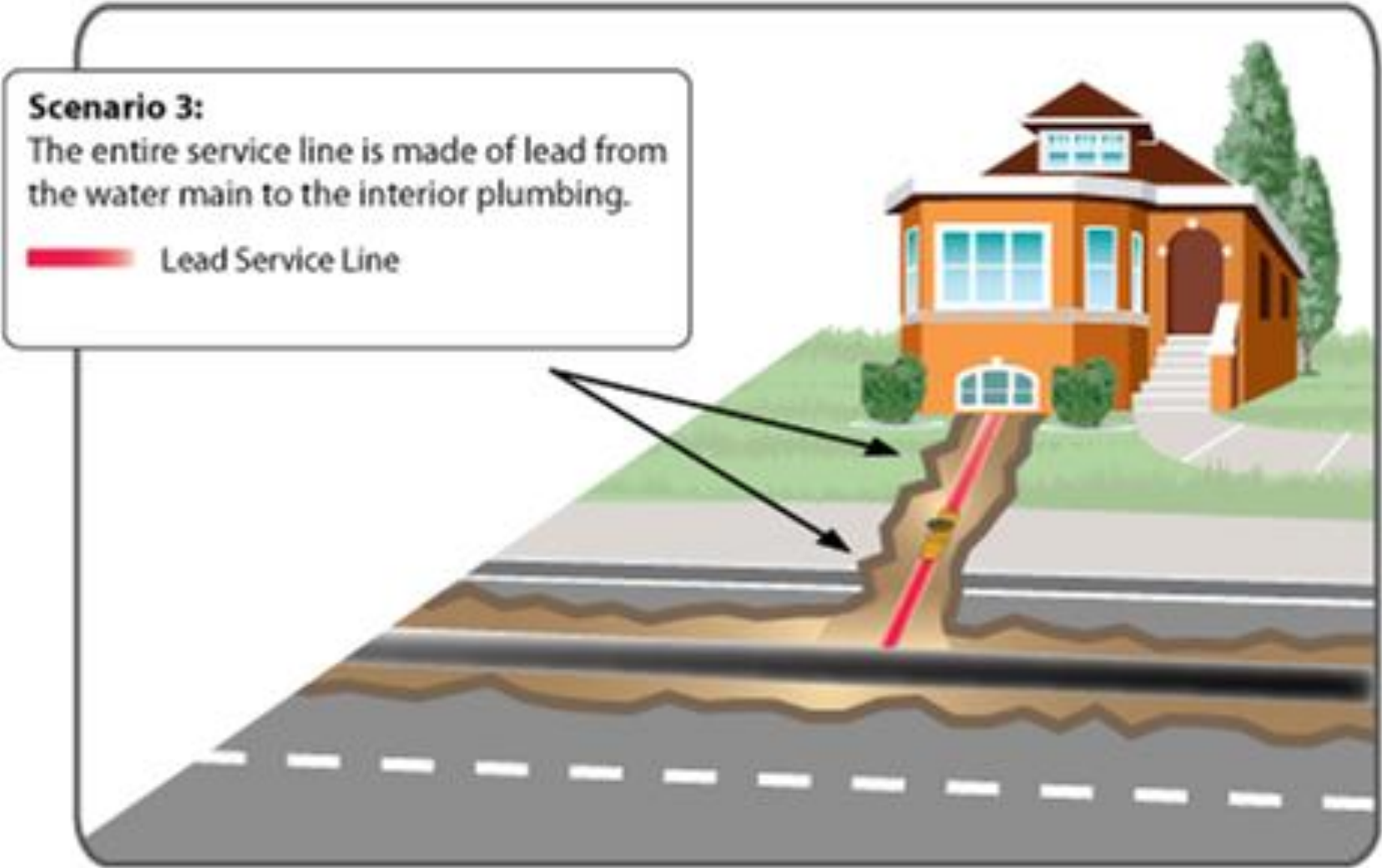
## EXHIBIT A: WATER SERVICE DIAGRAM – Lead on Public Portion



**EXHIBIT B: WATER SERVICE DIAGRAM – Lead on Private Portion**



**EXHIBIT C: WATER SERVICE DIAGRAM – Lead on both Public and Private Portions**



# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1:** Submit an application for the Lead Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program with a minimum of two plumbing estimates which detail the scope of work to the Public Works Department. Also, complete the following forms:

- **Lead Service Line Replacement Application** (page 8)
- **Letter of Agreement** (page 10)

Submit the drawing, proposals, and forms to the Village of Lombard's Public Works Department at 1051 S. Hammerschmidt Avenue.

**STEP 2:** After being deemed eligible, hire a plumber. Have the plumber prepare drawings and provide a written proposal which details the scope of work. The permit application and drawings will be reviewed by the Building Division and will either be approved as noted or returned for revisions. When the application and drawings receive approval, the permit will be issued and the plumber can start the work.

**STEP 3:** The plumber needs to contact the Building Division to schedule normal inspections during the course of work and at completion for a final inspection.

**STEP 4:** After the work has been inspected and approved, the homeowner must pay the full amount to the plumber and then submits the following to the Public Works Department to get reimbursed:

- Completed Request for Disbursement Form.
- A copy of an itemized invoice marked "paid" from the plumber who did the work.
- Copies of the cancelled check(s) (both sides) or credit card receipts identifying that the homeowner paid for the work.

Upon completion of the work and approval of a final inspection by the Village, the applicant will pay the total cost of the pre-approved system. The Village shall reimburse property owners up to 50% based upon the following schedule.

- **Installation of a new water service on the private portion - maximum of \$1, 500**

A representative from the Village may need to do an on-site inspection of your home.

**STEP 5:** "WAIT" – The homeowner will receive the Village's reimbursement check in the mail approximately three (3) weeks after all of the required paperwork is submitted to the Public Works Department.



# Lead Water Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program

## Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Where you can be reached between M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm)

Is the water service to the property lead?  Yes  No  Don't Know

If yes, name of person who verified lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Does the property receive water from the Village of Lombard?  Yes  No  Don't Know

Has your water meter been upgraded?  Yes  No  Don't Know

The cost estimate for the proposed work is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***The homeowner is responsible to pay the first 50% of the actual total costs. The Village will then reimburse up to a maximum of \$1,500.***

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Applicant*

**The reimbursement must be approved by the Director of Public Works and any necessary permits must be acquired prior to starting work.**

Approved for a total project cost of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Superintendent*                      *Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Director of Public Works*                      *Date*                      *Utilities*



# LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Date plumbing work was completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing permit number issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing contractor who performed work: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of eligible expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Owner Certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the homeowner of the premises indicated above and I certify that all of the information contained on this Request for Reimbursement Form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### **Building Division Certification**

As an authorized agent of the Village of Lombard, I certify that I have reviewed all the necessary paperwork associated with above mentioned Overhead Sewer Program Permit, and found them in compliance with the provisions of the Program as well as all applicable Village Codes, and Final Inspections have been satisfactorily passed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### **Public Works Department Certification**

As an authorized agent of the Village of Lombard who administers the Overhead Sewer Program, I certify that I have reviewed all the necessary paperwork associated with above mentioned Overhead Sewer Program Application & Permit, and found them in compliance with the provisions of the Program. Therefore, I recommend the reimbursement amount be paid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Total amount of reimbursement approved** (50% of eligible expenses not to exceed category maximum)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Installation of new service line – maximum of \$1,500