



Erie Water Works Newsplash

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The Ultimate Sunblock: Erie's Total Solar Eclipse

Dear Erie Water Works Customers,

It was the talk of the town. Erie was the only major city in Pennsylvania in the path of totality for the total solar eclipse on April 8th. This rare event should inspire us all to dream about how great the Erie Region can consistently be if we capitalize on moments when the sun is blocked for more than four minutes. If you are keeping score, you'll notice downtown Erie is racking up points considering the record level of both private and public investment being made. This profound shift in perspective and tangible action must continue to occur and motivate us, as it illustrates both positive progress and promise for our future.

At Erie Water Works, the 2nd quarter started out noteworthy. While we continue to leverage \$39.6M worth of grants and \$8.9M worth of low interest PENNVEST loans to replace all lead connections in the City of Erie, the Erie Water Works is also poised to make significant investment throughout the public water system in 2024. The Board of Directors awarded \$27M in contracts related to planned capital improvements in early April. In Millcreek, plans are progressing to invest \$5M+ to replace the pumping station adjacent to the Asbury Tanks, both of which were recently repainted. In Harborcreek, the \$1.2M Cook and Knoll Avenue Water Main Replacement is moving forward. Plans are also set to invest \$3M to improve critical pretreatment processes at the Richard S. Wasielewski Water Treatment Plant.

I am excited about the opportunities ahead for the Erie Region and our valued water customers. The Erie Water Works is proud to be your regional water supplier, providing World-Class Water and First-Class Service.

Cheers to Water!





LEAD TALK

Lead is a naturally occurring, silvery blue, soft metal, which has been a part of society for thousands of years. The Romans first used lead pipes to carry water to their cities. Today, we know about the dangers posed by the use of lead in paint, gasoline and drinking water infrastructure.

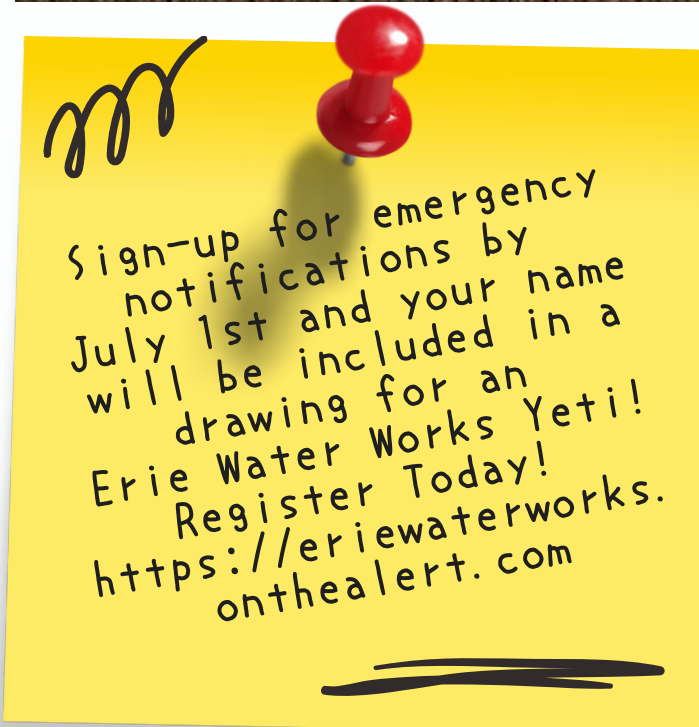
In 1991 the Environmental Protection Agency amended the 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act to control lead and copper in drinking water. That regulation is known as the Lead and Copper Rule. The Erie Water Works manages lead by providing optimized corrosion control treatment to prevent it from leaching from plumbing components into the water system. This treatment began in 1997 and continues to this day. In addition, since 2004, Erie Water Works has been 'Getting the Lead Out' by physically removing lead goosenecks from the water system. These curved 1-2 ft. sections of pipe were originally installed as part of water service connections before 1940.

Lead Gooseneck



Wrought Iron Service Line

EWW will remove the 7,500 remaining lead connections by 2028. This program is funded by PENNVEST grants and low interest loans.



The Erie Water Works 2023 Water Quality Report is now available and can be accessed at www.eriewater.org/resources/wqr2023.erie

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