

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Old Enfield Water and Wastewater Renewal Project is part of [Renewing Austin](#), a city-wide effort to strengthen our water infrastructure as we prepare for the demands of the future.

In the Old Enfield neighborhood, we will install 3,315 linear feet of new water lines and 4,495 linear feet of new wastewater lines. This area is well known for leaking and breaking pipes, and we are very glad to be able to build new infrastructure.

Work is scheduled to begin in early 2024 and take about 18 months to complete.

OVERVIEW OF WORK

- New trenches will be dug to accommodate the new water and wastewater lines while the existing lines remain in service.
- New fire hydrants will be installed, and old fire hydrants will be removed. New fire hydrants will be placed close to the old location, but a few may be placed in a new location to better accommodate the overall design and meet updated code requirements.
- Following completion of all the work, the streets will be repaved. The contractor will use a “mill and overlay” process, and you will be able to drive on the roads soon after the new pavement is put down.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Service Outages

- Once a section of line is completed, customers’ service lines will be connected to the new line. Making this connection will require water service or wastewater service to be suspended temporarily. The project inspector will provide notice 48-hours prior to service being suspended by placing door tags or flyers on front doors. It typically takes several hours for connections to be completed and service to be restored.
- Because of the age and condition of the existing water infrastructure in Old Enfield, old pipes may break and cause emergency water outages. Crews will repair any unintended breaks in the existing lines as soon as possible.

Impacts on Traffic

- Streets will not be closed, but lanes will be blocked off at different times. You will always have access to your home, and if your driveway is temporarily blocked, crews will help make sure you get in and out of your drive.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will you be closing streets?

A: We will be closing lanes of traffic, but not entire streets, and you will always have access to your home. For brief periods, access to your driveway may be blocked, but crews will always make sure people get in and out of their drives.

Q: What are the working hours? Which days?

A: Generally speaking, workdays are Monday through Saturday, generally 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some Sundays may be required.

Q: How loud will it be?

A: During work hours you will hear construction sounds, such as the noise made by heavy equipment digging into pavement. The City's noise ordinance applies after 10 p.m.

Q: Will my water be turned off?

A: At some point your water will be turned off, but most likely just for a few hours on a single day so that new pipelines can be connected. A short water outage for testing or an accidental line break may cause water to be turned off without notice. We will do our best to avoid this. For all planned water outages, we will post a flyer on your door before the water outage.

Q: Will you dig up my lawn?

A: Most of our work will be in the right of way, which, in most cases, is the area between the street and the sidewalk. We realize you may consider that area to be part of your lawn, and your irrigation system pipes, landscaping, retaining walls or other personal items in that space.

However, the right of way area does fall under City jurisdiction. Personal items will need to be moved in advance of construction, and we will notify you before we begin work in an area so that you can do so. If items are left in the right of way and damaged by the construction crews, responsibility for repair and for repair costs fall to the homeowner.

Q: What are your plans for repaving the streets?

A: As discussed above, we will dig trenches during construction. These will be repaired along the way. When all the work is completed, we will repave the roads using a mill and overlay procedure, which means you will be able to drive on the new pavement very soon after it is laid down.

Q. How can I get notifications and updates about the project?

Sign up for notifications at austintexas.gov/OldEnfieldWater and help us spread the word! Please share this information with your neighbors and encourage everyone to register for updates!

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