



# Construction Update No. 1

## Xerxes Avenue Watermain Lining Project

### City of Edina Improvement No. WM 496

July 22, 2009

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Xerxes Avenue Watermain Lining Project; WM 496

Dear Resident:

Late last summer, the red water issue that occurred on your block was brought to our attention. In order to minimize future occurrences, the water mains that feed your home will be reconstructed using a method called cement lining. The City of Edina is working with the City of Minneapolis to cement line the water mains in your neighborhood.

#### Temporary Water

As part of the construction process, the City of Minneapolis will begin connecting temporary watermain in your neighborhood as soon as Monday, August 3, 2009. We'll be able to provide a more detailed construction schedule with the next update letter.

The temporary water system will provide water to each home when the water mains are being cleaned and lined, and provide fire protection to the neighborhood. The installation of the temporary water system involves installing a temporary above ground water main on both sides of the street and running temporary services from the water main to an outside hose bib at each house.

The contractor will provide pedestrian and vehicle friendly ramps to protect the pipe and make crossings more convenient. The curb stop or valve that typically controls the flow of water from the water main to your service will need to be shut-off. In rare occurrences, the contractor may need to have the valve by your meter closed due to an inoperable curb stop. Shutting these valves will prevent water from flowing back into the pipe that is being lined. You will be notified by door tag when your water service will be switched over to the temporary line. Attached is an information sheet regarding the temporary water hook up and how to operate the valves which will be attached to you outside hose bib.

#### Limited Street Access

Due to a lane shift of traffic on Xerxes Avenue, no parking will be allowed on the east side of Xerxes Avenue for the duration of the project. On-street parking will not be allowed during the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the west side of Xerxes Avenue and on 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 58<sup>th</sup> Street between Xerxes Avenue and York Avenue.

#### Safety

Please use your most cautious driving when entering and exiting the neighborhood as there will be many construction workers moving throughout the site, as well as moving construction equipment in the streets. As we progress through the construction, access pits will be dug in the streets. The pits will remain open for several days, and although they can be tempting to onlookers and children to investigate, we ask that everyone stay away from them for their own safety.

#### Communication

To better communicate the overall happenings of the project, the City has introduced the City Extra e-mail notification service. This service is free and allows individuals to sign up to receive e-mail messages from the City on a variety of topics. To sign up for the service go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com> and place a check mark in the box next to "Xerxes Avenue (56<sup>th</sup> to 58<sup>th</sup>)"

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**Watermain Cement Lining Project**". Please contact the City at 952-927-8861 if you are having trouble signing up for City Extra. We will update the City Extra e-mail notification system on a weekly basis for this project. These updates will be brief but will cover the weekly street reconstruction highlights. All residents, including those signed up for the e-mail notification system, will continue to receive paper copies of the construction update letters by regular mail on a monthly basis.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments regarding this project at 952-903-5713 or by email at [jstruve@ci.edina.mn.us](mailto:jstruve@ci.edina.mn.us). During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911. If construction equipment or materials need to be moved as part of dealing with the emergency, 911 have a list of emergency contacts for the City of Minneapolis.

The City of Edina and the City of Minneapolis would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout the project.

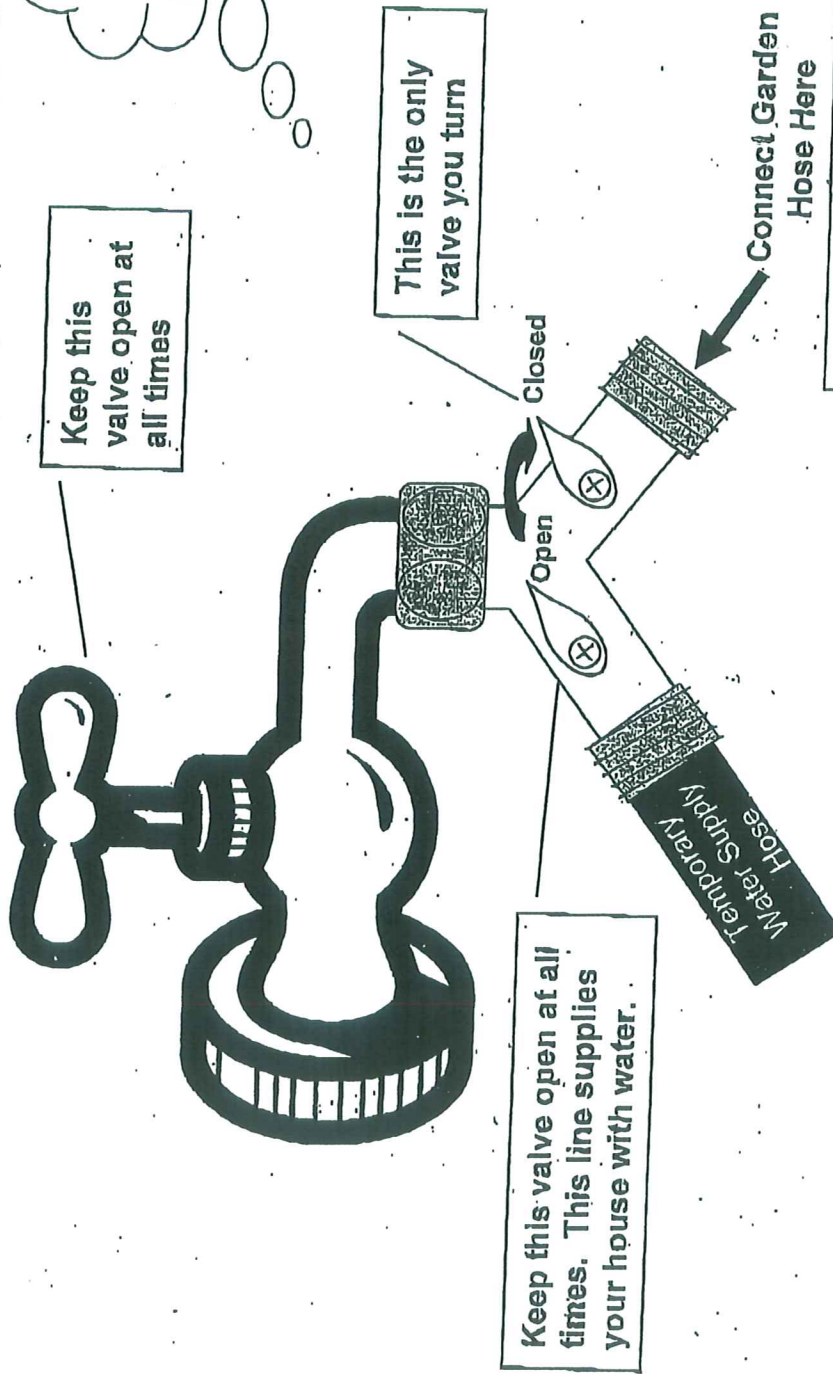
Thank you,



Jesse Struve  
Utility Engineer

# How to hook up a garden hose when a house is connected to temporary water supply

*Please Keep This Until the Project is Over*



**To water lawn, open the valve**

Both valves need to be in the open position like this:

Close valve to your garden hose when you are done watering lawn