



West Morgan – East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority (WMEL) Town of Courtland Project FAQs

What is WMEL working on in the Town of Courtland?

WMEL is informing customers that it will begin the first of four biennial (every two years) phases of construction work to replace Courtland's water system. When the work is completed, all of the residents of Courtland will be transferred onto the new system. During the four phases of the project work, WMEL will:

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- Install several miles of new water mains;
- Transfer customer connections to the new mains;
- Relocate water meters to the public right-of-way;
- Install new water service lines from the meter to every customer's structure;
- Install new pressure regulators and backflow preventers at every customer's structure;
- Conduct driveway and roadway repairs related to the construction work; and
- Replace existing fire hydrants.

How is WMEL able to conduct the work in Courtland?

In 2020, WMEL worked with Town of Courtland leaders to help them apply for a Community Development Block Grant from the State of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to address the aged infrastructure. The customer letters detail how Courtland was awarded a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant by the ADECA and how, to help with the project, WMEL is contributing \$142,000 to the effort.

Will WMEL consider similar projects in other locations?

We hope our partnership with Courtland establishes a working model for collaboration that can be repeated in other locations having similar issues with their water infrastructure.

How is WMEL communicating with its Courtland customers about the project?

WMEL has sent every customer account in Courtland a letter informing them of the project work to come and to tell the customers that when work takes place on their phase of the project, their water service will likely be impacted for short periods of time. WMEL will notify customers individually before the disruptions take place.

WMEL has also placed on our website – www.wmel.org – a page has been created to provide the public with important details about the entire project, including maps showing customers where each of the four phases of work will be conducted. Customers can also contact WMEL with questions about the project at [EMAIL YOU WANT TO USE].