

## METRONET 5G FIBER INSTALLATION



Lawrence residents and businesses should be aware that MetroNet has begun the installation of 5G-fiber networking throughout the City of Lawrence. The scope of the project includes the installation of underground and aerial lines along with equipment cabinets within the City-owned right of way. It is important to note that this is not a City of Lawrence project. This is part of a much larger nationwide rollout of the new 5G technology.

The city's involvement is to issue the right of way permits, which we cannot unreasonably withhold. Most of the underground

lines will be installed utilizing directional drilling, also known as "boring", which limits the disturbance of property. However, excavation is necessary in certain locations in order to launch and retrieve the drilling rods. MetroNet is responsible for the restoration of all areas disturbed by their activity.

Contractors performing underground horizontal directional drilling sometimes damage water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or other buried utility lines, such as gas and electric.

While the incidence of these events is relatively small compared to the total amount of underground lines they are installing, they can and do happen. If a resident believes the contractor has damaged a water, sanitary line, storm line or other feature on their property, they should contact DPW at

317-545-8787.

Authorized work hours for construction are 7:00am to 9:00pm each day of the week. If there is an actual leak with water coming up or sewage backing up, please contact the Utility right away at (317) 542-0511 during normal business hours, or (317) 260-0220 after hours/weekends.

To date, the city has approved right of way permits for several neighborhoods, focused mainly in the northeast quadrant of the city.

A map showing the various subdivisions recently granted permits is available on the city's website at [www.cityoflawrence.org](http://www.cityoflawrence.org). There is also a post in the "City News" section with a map of the affected areas link. As DPW issues more permits, they will post updated maps on the city's website.

## INDIANA811 AND EXCAVATING ON YOUR PROPERTY

Property owners undertaking projects involving excavation, big and small, need to place a call to 811 at least two full working days before you start digging to avoid hitting underground utility lines.

By using Indiana 811's free service and having the approximate location of our members' buried utility lines marked on your property, you can prevent damage to your property, your neighborhood and yourself. Please keep in mind that some lines may require that you contact a private line lo-

cating company, which you may find in the yellow pages.



Lawrence Utilities does not mark water or sewer service lines on private property. Additionally, irrigation systems and any

other lines a property owner may have installed on their property (such as lighting features for landscaping, etc.) also will not be marked under the Indiana 811 line locate ticket.

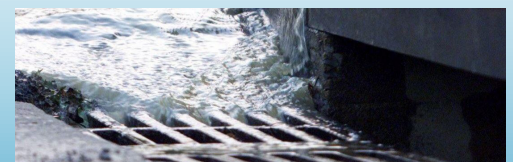
Check out the Indiana 811 website for all you need to know about underground line marking requirements: Home - Know what's below.

Call 811 before you dig. - Indiana 811

## ANNUAL SEWER UTILITY OVERFLOW SUMMARY

The Sewer Utility's Annual Sanitary Sewer Overflow Summary for 2021 is available on the city website in Utility News. This is a new report that we will be posting annually for the preceding year, per re-

quirements of our new EPA administrative order on consent. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me and I will respond.



## WATER MAIN FLUSHING

### CITY OF LAWRENCE UTILITIES WILL BE FLUSHING WATER MAINS DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS FROM MONDAY, APRIL 4 THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022.

As a result of this activity, some customers may experience a temporary discoloration of their water and/or a low water pressure condition.

Color can range from a light yellow to an orange-red. If this occurs, the customer should run a medium stream of cold water until the water clears. If a customer is experiencing this problem, the customer should not run hot water or wash clothes until the water clears up. The City does

not reimburse customers for water used to flush their service lines due to iron discoloration. Main flushing is necessary in order to properly maintain the water distribution system and helps to improve water quality and maintain adequate disinfectant levels per regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact City of Lawrence Utilities at (317) 542-0511, press 0 to speak with a Customer Service representative.



## SNOW EVENT PREPAREDNESS

During snow events, it is a good idea to be properly prepared if you have to get out on the road. Ideally, you would not have to! But if you do, here are some tips from the National Safety Council:

**Prepare Your Car for Winter.** In addition to annual maintenance, here are some tips to winterize your car:

- ◆ Test your battery; battery power drops as the temperature drops
- ◆ Make sure the cooling system is in good working order
- ◆ Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car
- ◆ If using all-season tires, check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
- ◆ Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops
- ◆ Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
- ◆ Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees
- ◆ Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze
- ◆ Remember to keep your car's emergency preparedness kit fully stocked, too.

#### Before You Start Out

- ◆ Clean your car's external camera lenses and side view mirrors so you'll be able to see what's around you
- ◆ Remove dirt, ice and snow from sensors to allow the assistive-driving features like automatic emergency braking to work
- ◆ In frigid weather, you may want to warm up the car before you drive it
- ◆ To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in your garage – even with the garage door up
- ◆ If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm if possible; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave

#### Know Your Car's Capabilities

**My Car Does What?** is a national campaign to help educate drivers about the safety features built into vehicles. Search for your car and find out what safety features are already built in.

Remember, you are your car's best safety feature. Take precautions to ensure you arrive safely at your destination. If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Light flares in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, mud or objects.

All the above safety information and more is available at <https://www.nsc.org/>.

