

Frequently Asked Questions

Hedge Lane Pipeline Project



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What is the project? WaterOne is installing a buried water pipeline along Hedge Lane in Olathe from K-10 Highway south to 175th Street and east on 175th Street. Some of the pipeline cuts through populated residential areas in Olathe. (WaterOne is also constructing a pump station at Hedge Lane and 159th Street which connects to the pipeline, but it is in a rural area and does not affect residents.)

Why is WaterOne doing this project? WaterOne is installing pipeline to connect northern and southern parts of its service area.

How might this pipeline project affect Olathe residents?

- Some temporary detours for **traffic** may be required. All detours will be properly marked.
- Some shallow **blasting** will be necessary to remove rock and install the buried pipeline. All project blasting has a City of Olathe blast permit and in compliance with established safety standards. All blasting is monitored with seismographic equipment and regulated by city ordinance based on standards set by the United States Bureau of Mines. Even though vibrations will be at safe levels to avoid damage, please know that it is possible that residents in the immediate vicinity may feel transient vibrations coming from the site. Depending on daily weather and conditions, there will typically be one blast per working day in the late afternoon.

What is the timeline for this project? Construction started in Spring 2014 and is scheduled for completion by Spring 2016, although work near residential neighborhoods may be completed before then.

What is WaterOne doing to minimize disruptions? WaterOne strives to minimize inconvenience during the project. Construction and clean-up will be completed as quickly as possible.

What has WaterOne done to inform Olathe residents?

- Properties directly adjacent to the project have already been notified and provided with information regarding lawn restoration and other impacts.
- A broader area of neighborhood residents were sent a letter describing the project and an invitation to an Open House at Oregon Trail Middle School should they wish to learn more or speak with a project staff in person. The open house was held in February 2014.
- A progress report letter is being mailed to the same group of neighbors in December 2014.
- WaterOne is working closely with the City of Olathe to provide updates on social media.

Is this a City of Olathe project? No, WaterOne is an independent public water utility. It is not affiliated with city or county governments. All work on this project is being done with the permission of the City of Olathe but WaterOne is the responsible party.

Does this change residents' water service? No, this project does not change water service for City of Olathe water customers.

Does WaterOne provide water service in Olathe? Yes, WaterOne has about 1,000 customer accounts in Olathe but all other Olathans are served by the City of Olathe water services. *This project does not change water service providers for water customers.*

Who should residents call with questions or concerns? Please direct inquiries about the project to WaterOne's consulting engineers with Black & Veatch.

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Where can people learn more? See maps, photos, and more details at www.waterone.org/projects. Follow WaterOne on Facebook and Twitter at "MyWaterOne."

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