

**City of Eagle Lake**  
**2026 Street & Utility Improvements**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What work is involved?**

Full replacements of storm sewer, watermain, sanitary sewer, pavement, curb and gutter, sewer and water end services, sidewalk, and driveway aprons in the public right-of-way.

**If impacted, how will my driveway be replaced?**

If the driveway apron is removed, it will be replaced with a concrete apron matching your existing width.

**Will I always have access to my driveway?**

There will be periods when the underground utilities are being replaced, or street work is being completed in front of your property when you will not have access to your driveway from the street. Wet weather may also impact your ability to access your driveway. You will be notified ahead of time of these disruptions so you can park outside of the work zone or make other arrangements. If you have any regular deliveries or other special access needs, please let us know about those so the contractor is aware.

**What about garbage pickup and mail delivery?**

Residents can place their garbage cans where they normally do. The contractor will be responsible to move them to a location where the garbage collector can empty them and then the contractor will take them back to the residences. Please write your address on each of your receptacles so the contractor can return them to you.

If you currently have home delivery of mail and the post office cannot access your post box during construction, there will be temporary mailboxes placed at the edge of the project where the post office will have access and delivery will be provided to those temporary boxes. Existing mailbox "clusters" will be similarly relocated outside of the work zone.

**They are digging in front of my house again! Did someone make a mistake?**

Probably not. The street and utility reconstruction process involves several different steps that must occur in a certain order. There will be instances where the contractor digs up the same general area 4 or 5 times. Please be patient.

**Am I responsible for fixing my lawn after construction?**

No, the contractor is responsible for adding topsoil, reshaping the ground, and seeding the areas disturbed during construction. The contractor will need to water the new grass as it first sprouts, but the property owner will need to mow and water the grass after that. It can take a year for grass to fully reestablish, so please be patient.

**What about my sprinkler system or invisible dog fence?**

If you have a sprinkler system or invisible dog fence in the right-of-way, please let us know and flag or mark those so that the contractor is aware of them and avoids them if possible. If necessary, the contractor will salvage all parts and materials and set them in your yard for repair after construction (by the property owner).

**Will my sewer and water service be replaced?**

Only the portion within the public right-of-way will be replaced (that is, from the main pipe in the road to the property line). The material type and condition of your service will be noted during construction and brought to your attention if there are any concerns (such as lead pipes, cracked/broken pipes, etc.).

**When will the work be completed?**

The contractor to complete all underground and majority of the surface work by this fall (2026). In the spring/summer of 2027 the final layer of pavement will be constructed.

**Where can I get more information?**

The City will be providing regular updates on the website and social media page. Please visit the following for more information:  
<https://eaglelakemn.com/city/current-construction-projects/>

**Who should I contact if I have questions or problems?**

You may contact the following individuals (in this order):

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