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Dear Water Customer,

The City of Crest Hill's drinking water is currently supplied from several wells distributed throughout the City. As you may have heard, the City is in the process of switching to Lake Michigan water supply. We are one of six communities who have formed a new regional water commission, called the Grand Prairie Water Commission, to purchase water from the City of Chicago. It is hoped that all the infrastructure to supply the Lake Michigan water will be constructed and operational by 2030.

This proposed shift in source water (changing from groundwater wells to Lake Michigan water) caused the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to require a study of the differing water quality and its possible effects on piping and plumbing, followed by an evaluation of possible treatment methods to prevent corrosion. This study is called the corrosion control treatment (CCT) study and is broken up into two different phases: a desktop and a demonstrative study.

The City must now get a better understanding of the number of homes which have lead solder in their copper plumbing. We have test kits to determine if there is any lead solder on exposed soldered connection. This will turn a different color depending on whether lead is in the solder.

Please call to schedule an appointment to participate in the testing of your piping for lead soldered joints. This will help us understand the extent of lead solder in the City and help you understand the materials used in the plumbing in your property. This is a requirement from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency before we can proceed to provide Lake Michigan Water to our customers. The City of Crest Hill has hired M.E. Simpson Company to manage the scheduling of appointments.

Please schedule an appointment with **M.E. Simpson Company** one of two ways:

1. ONLINE – www.mesimpson.com/wslmi

Enter Account Key: **XX-XXXX**

2. CALL – (Toll Free) **1-888-252-1521**

Thank you,
City of Crest Hill