

Water Department Report — September 2026

The Water Department, with support from the DPW, replaced two galvanized water service lines to meet EGLE requirements. Crews also excavated and removed a lead gooseneck at one of the properties.

During the month, we handled 322 MISS DIG requests by locating and marking water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer lines, then reporting completion to MISS DIG 811.

About half of these requests were related to SEMCO Energy's new gas main installation.

We provided support for a water leak at Front Street and Days Avenue. Kalin Construction performed the repair through the new downtown project.

As part of continuing work on aging meters and MXUs, we repaired or replaced 18 units and addressed 12 resident service calls concerning water issues. We are also evaluating 213 addresses with no recorded usage during the past three months. Because some properties are vacant, listed for sale, or use very little water, each location is being inspected to identify meters that may be malfunctioning.

All required monthly water samples were collected, and the department continued to meet EGLE compliance standards.

We mowed and cleared the grounds surrounding both water towers, the wells, and the treatment plant.