

Sewer line warranty protection available to Shippensburg homeowners

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SHIPPENSBURG — The Borough of Shippensburg will introduce a new, optional program for homeowners that will provide low-cost, worry-free warranty protection for sewer lines. It is provided through the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program and administered by the Service Line Warranties of America.

"Many citizens are unaware that they are responsible for the sewer lines that go from their houses to the point of utility maintenance. If these lines break or leak, repairs can be very expensive," said Earl Parshall, borough manager.

The Service Line Warranty program offers citizens an affordable way to avoid the unexpected and often large expense involved with a sewer line break. When a line breaks, the cost to repair it can often cause hardship on a family's budget. This new program will offer warranty protection to help cover the costs of a break.

Shippensburg area residents will see offers in their mail boxes soon. The cost for warranty protection is \$5.95 a month, and will cover sewer line repairs up to \$4,000 plus an additional allowance of \$3,000 for public street cutting, if needed. The program is offered at no cost to the borough, and no public funds are used to promote the program.

"We are pleased to work with the Borough of Shippensburg to offer homeowners an affordable Service Line Warranty program," said Brad Carmichael, vice president of business development for SLWA. "We think Shippensburg area residents will be pleased with our features and benefits, including a 24-hour repair hotline and the use of local, certified technicians. This keeps dollars in the local economy, an important benefit in these tough economic times."

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