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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

DATE: July 9, 2013  
TO: Antigo Daily Journal  
FROM: Mark Desotell, Director of Administrative Services  
RE: Water Lateral Insurance Coverage Mailing

HomeServe USA Repair Management Corporation recently sent a mailed advertisement to a significant number of Antigo residents soliciting insurance coverage for water laterals. In its advertising materials, HomeServe states that property owners are responsible for lateral repairs between the City's right-of-way and their house and solicits insurance coverage for water laterals.

The City of Antigo Director of Administrative Services, Mark Desotell, advises that "the company is correct in stating that property owners are responsible for lateral repair costs between the City's right-of-way and their house. HOWEVER, property owners should contact their insurance companies to see if they are already covered for a lateral damage incident, or if they feel such coverage is warranted."

Desotell added that "property owners should use extreme caution when considering such insurance coverage. Property owners are urged to read the fine print of the proposed coverage and determine if the long term costs warrant such coverage."

The City of Antigo does not endorse HomeServe and HomeServe is not affiliated with the City of Antigo. Antigo residents are also encouraged to research HomeServe USA Repair Management Corporation on the Better Business Bureau website.