

How Do I Know If My House Has a Lead Service Line?



Please Follow These Steps and Submit Your Results to the Village

Materials Needed for Testing: Strong Magnet, a Coin, and Flathead Screwdriver

1. Find the water service line entering the building. If you have a basement, the water service line will typically enter the building through the basement floor or the basement side wall. If you don't have a basement, the service line should enter the building through the floor on the main level. You will see a shut-off valve and water meter installed on this pipe. The testing location on the pipe will be between the entry point into the building and the shut-off valve, as shown in **Figure 1**.

2. Scratch Test: Scratch the outer surface of the pipe with a coin or flathead screwdriver. Be very careful not to puncture a hole in the pipe and do not use sharp objects for this test.

3. Magnet Test: Place a magnet on the pipe to check if it sticks to the pipe.

4. Tapping Test: Tap the pipe with a coin and listen to the sound it makes.

5. Compare the results of your test with the guidelines shown below. Submit your results here:

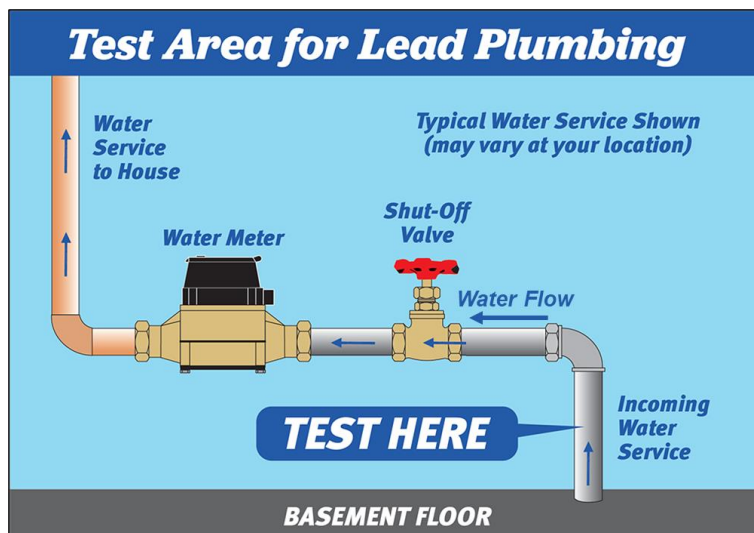


Figure 1: Testing location for Water Service Lines

Material Identification Guidelines:



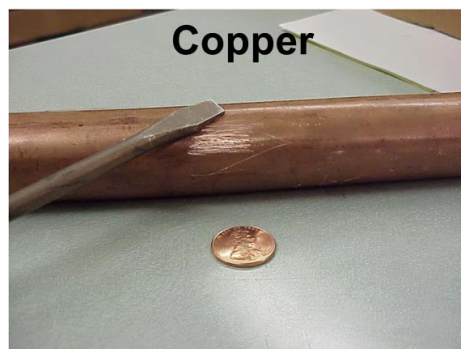
Lead

Your Service Line is **LEAD** if:

Scratch Test: The scratched area is shiny and silver.

Magnet Test: The magnet does not stick.

Tapping Test: You hear a dull noise while tapping the coin.



Copper

Your Service Line is **Copper** if:

Scratch Test: The scratched area is copper in color like a penny.

Magnet Test: The magnet does not stick.

Tapping Test: You hear a metallic ringing noise while tapping the coin.



Galvanized Steel

Your Service Line is **Galvanized Steel** if:

Scratch Test: The scratched area remains a dull grey.

Magnet Test: The magnet sticks.

Tapping Test: You hear a metallic ringing noise while tapping the coin.