



How to check your water service line material?

The City's water mains are not made of lead. However, the water service line running from the water main to your home may be made of lead.

Water Service Line

May be made of lead, copper, galvanized steel or plastic.

Possible Pipe Materials

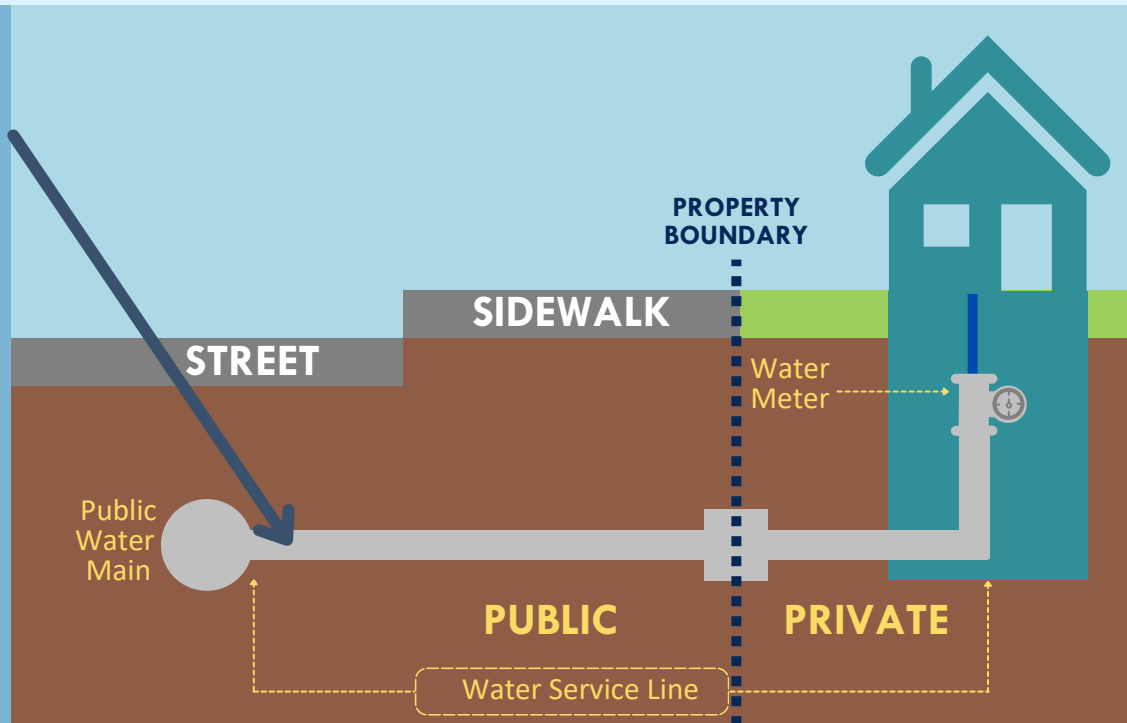


Lead

Galvanized

Copper

You can test the water service line where it connects to the water meter in the basement.



How to Check Your Water Service Line with the Department of Water

You will need:

- Key or a coin
- Strong refrigerator magnet

- 1. Find Your Water Meter:** Look in your basement for the water meter. Check the pipe that comes through the wall from outside and connects to the meter.
- 2. Identify the Pipe Material:**
 - Use a coin or key to scratch the pipe. This will help you see the metal underneath. You might need to scratch through any rust or paint.
 - Try using a kitchen magnet. If it sticks, the pipe is not lead. If it does not stick, it might be lead.
- 3. Take Photos:**
 - Take a picture of the pipe where it comes through the wall or floor.
 - Take a close-up picture of the scratch you made.
 - Take a wider shot that shows the entire pipe.
- 4. Upload Your Photos below!**

The Department of Water will contact you with the results!