





## How Do I Check the Material of My Service Line:

To find out if you have a copper, lead, or galvanized steel service line on your property, you (or your landlord) can perform a test on the water service line from the water meter to where it enters your home or building to determine the material of the water service line on your property.

<p><b>Types of water pipes</b> Follow the guidance below or contact a licensed plumber to determine the material of your water pipes. To identify the material of your service pipe material on private property, check your household water service connection, typically located in the basement.</p> <p>Homeowners should identify and replace old household pipes, particularly galvanized plumbing and sources of lead. The type of household plumbing can vary throughout your household.</p>	<p><b>Lead</b>  A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin. Use a magnet - strong magnets will not cling to lead pipes.</p> <p><b>Galvanized</b>  A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.</p> <p><b>Copper</b>  The color of a copper penny.</p> <p><b>Plastic</b>  White, rigid pipe that is joined to water supply piping with a clamp.</p>
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## Steps to Check Your Service Line:

Materials needed: Key or coin, strong magnet

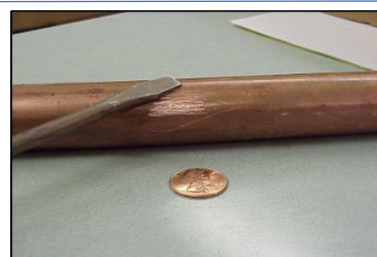
Locate the water meter on your property. The water meter is typically at the front of the property (near the public street) and in line with the place the water service line enters your home or building— typically at the basement, crawl space or other exterior wall. Look for the pipe that comes through the wall into your house to determine point of entrance in your house.

Use a key or coin to gently scratch the pipe. If the pipe is painted, first use sandpaper to lightly expose the metal.

Place the magnet on the pipe to determine whether or not it sticks to the pipe. Then, determine your pipe material (see below) and fill out the [LSLI Customer Survey](#).

### IF YOUR PIPE IS COPPER:

The pipe may appear dull brown on the outside but will be the color of a bright penny if gently scratched. The magnet will not stick.



### IF YOUR PIPE IS LEAD:

The pipe may appear dull and soft but will be silver colored when gently scratched. The magnet will not stick.



### IF YOUR PIPE IS GALVANIZED STEEL:

The scratched pipe will remain dull gray. If you have a galvanized steel pipe, it is still possible for you to have a lead gooseneck on your service line. The magnet will stick to the galvanized steel.

