

HELP IDENTIFY YOUR SERVICE LINE TODAY!

Is your water service line made of lead?

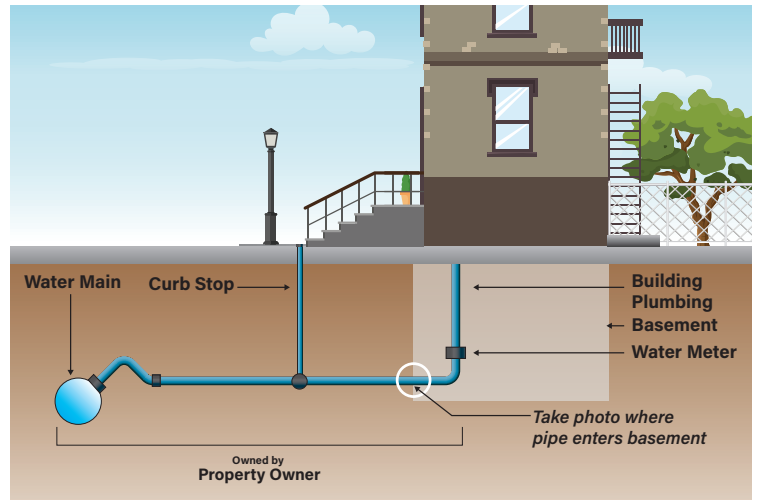
A water service line is the pipe that connects your home's plumbing to the water main in the street. New York City's water is delivered lead-free, but some older 1-4 family homes may have private plumbing that is made of lead. New York City does not require the replacement of lead, galvanized steel, or brass water service lines, but property owners should consider replacing them with a new copper line. For more information on lead in household plumbing visit nyc.gov/dep/lead.

How can I tell if my water service line is made of lead?

Step 1 - Locate the water service line coming into your home. They are often located in the basement and come through the floor or wall.

Step 2 - Use the flat edge of a screwdriver to gently scratch the outside of the pipe to see what color the pipe is. See pipe types below.

Step 3 - If the color is silver, use a magnet to see if it sticks to the pipe (magnets will only stick to galvanized steel pipe).



Lead

- Color is shiny and silver.



Copper

- Color is orange and shiny like a penny. Does not contain lead.



Galvanized Steel

- Color is a dull gray and a magnet sticks to the pipe. Could contain lead.



Brass

- Light brown in color. Could contain lead.

Let us know what you find!

This will help us keep accurate records about your plumbing connections. You can report your findings to NYC DEP by visiting nyc.gov/dep/PARIS or scanning the QR code at right, where you can create an account and upload photos.



Photos to upload:

1. Service line pipe coming through the wall
2. Close up of the scratch
3. View of pipe that includes the meter
4. Meter tag and/or serial number

If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, call 311 to request a free residential lead test kit.