

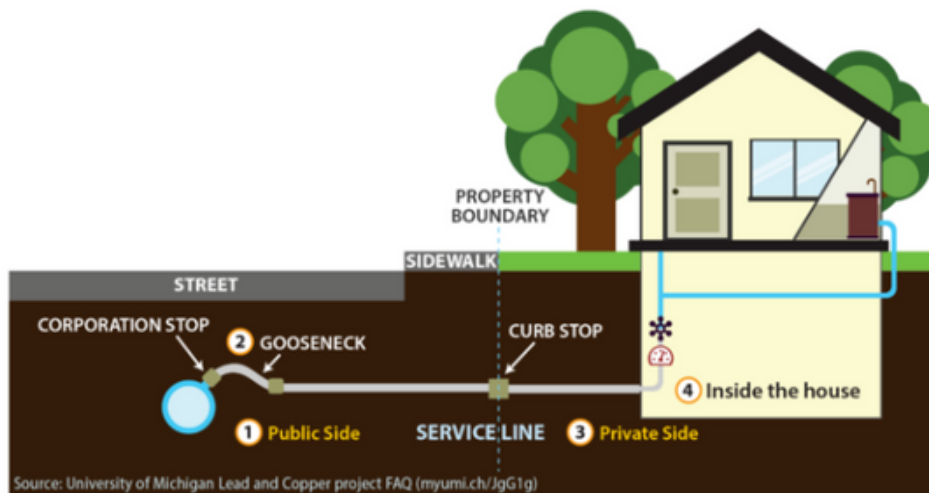
How to check your water service line material

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 various materials, which need to be identified.



For any assistance with this survey:

Call customer service at 330-753-0328 for information regarding service material and survey.



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Water Service Line

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

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

Possible Pipe Materials



Lead



Copper



Galvanized Steel



Plastic

Follow these steps:

You will need:

- Key or a coin
- Strong refrigerator magnet

1. Find the water meter in your basement. Look at the pipe that comes through the outside wall of your home and connects to your meter.
2. Carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket) with a key or a coin. Do not use a knife or other sharp tool. Take care not to make a hole in the pipe. If the scratch turns a shiny silver color, it could be lead or steel.
NOTE: If pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal first.
3. Place the magnet on the pipe. If a magnet sticks, it is a steel pipe.

