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City of Warren Water Division

How to Identify a Lead Service Line In Your Home

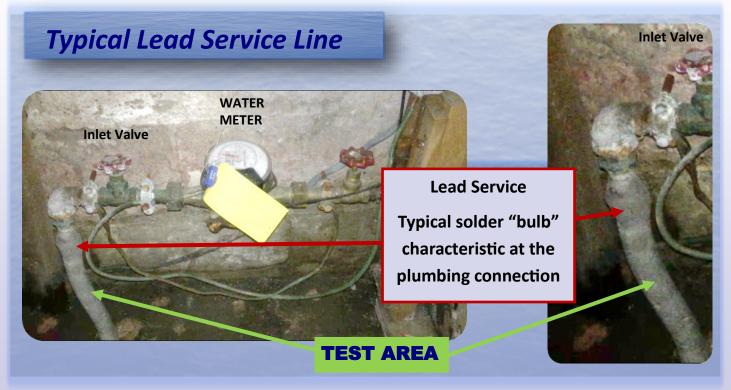
The City of Warren needs your help in identifying the type of water service lines in the Cities Distribution System that service your home and/or business. There are generally three (3) types of water service lines to your home. Galvanized steel, lead, and copper. In newer homes, there may be PVC or plastic water services which do not pose a problem. Services that contain lead materials pose a potential health risk. The City of Warren Water Division is currently undergoing a survey for each home and/or business that may have a lead service.

To help confirm the type of service to your home, there are 6 simple steps below which will help you determine the type of piping. Helpful tools you will need are a **house key**, a **penny**, **screwdriver** and a **magnet**:

Steps to Identify Types of Water Service Lines:

- 1. Find the water meter on your property. This could be in a basement, crawl space or on the ground level floor for slab homes.
- 2. Look for the pipe that comes through the basement wall or floor or in the crawl space.
- 3. Use a penny to gently scratch the pipe. Make sure the pipe is clean of debri and or paint.
- 4. Place a magnet on the pipe to see if it sticks to the pipe.
- 5. Determine the pipe material and email the results to: <u>leadout@cityofwarren.org</u>
- 6. Use the instructions below and on back of page to assist with determining your type of plumbing in the home.

How to Identify the Test Area:



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Now that you identified the test area, test the service line to determine the type of pipe material.

Lead Pipe

If the scraped area is shiny and silver, your service line is lead. A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.





Copper Pipe

If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper. A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.

Galvanize Steel Pipe

If the scraped area remains a dull gray, and a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.

