





TO VERIFY THE PLUMBING MATERIAL BEFORE THE METER

You will need: Key or coin and a strong magnet

What to do:

1. Locate the service line pipe as it enters your home from an exterior wall or floor.
2. If the pipe is a dull, silver-gray color, carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket) with a key or coin. Take care not to make a hole in the pipe. If the scratch turns a shiny silver color, it could be lead or steel.
3. Place the strong magnet on the pipe. If a magnet sticks, it is a steel pipe.
4. Wash hands after inspecting pipe.

TYPES OF PIPE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Galvanized: A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copper: The color of a copper penny.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic: Usually white, rigid pipe that is jointed to water supply piping with a clamp. Note: It can be other colors, including blue and black.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead: A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin. Use a magnet - strong magnets will <u>not</u> cling to lead pipes.

OTHER WAYS TO CHECK FOR LEAD

1. A licensed and insured plumber can inspect your pipes and plumbing.
2. Lead test kits can be purchased at local hardware or home improvement stores. These kits are used to test paint, but can also be used to test pipe—not the water inside. Look for an EPA recognized kit. Wash your hands after inspecting plumbing and pipes.