

Cranberry Venango County General Authority Public Drinking Water Announcement

HELP US GET THE LEAD OUT!

The state and federal agencies that oversee the safe drinking water programs have enacted new regulations to help better protect the quality of water that you drink. Cranberry Venango County General Authority is responsible for making sure these new regulations are implemented so that we can continue to provide you with safe drinking water. The new regulations require the Authority to identify and map lead service lines. The information requested below is needed for the next steps which will be to replace lines containing lead in a cost-effective way.

How do I know what my service line materials are? On the following page are some guidelines to help you to identify your service line material.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and will help the Authority seek grant funding to help improve the public drinking water system.

Contact Information:

Name of Person filling out this questionnaire: _____
Phone Number should we have questions: _____

Property Information:

Service Address (Use separate sheet for each property): _____

Type: Single Family Multi-Family Commercial Industrial
Year Built: Before 1982 After 1982

Materials List:

1. What material is your service line between the meter and the street made of? (See figure on next page. Check all that apply.)

Lead Copper Galvanized Steel P.E. (polyethylene) Unknown

2. When was the service line going into your house or business installed?

Before 1982 After 1982

3. What material are the pipes in your house or business made of? (Check all that apply.)

Lead Copper Galvanized Steel PVC Pex

4. How old are the pipes inside your house?

Installed before 1982 Installed after 1982

Please return this form to the address below with your water bill no later than December 31st, 2023

Cranberry Township
3726 State Route 257
PO Box 378
Seneca, PA 16346

Pipe Identification Procedures

How To Identify A Lead Water Service Pipe

Tools Needed:

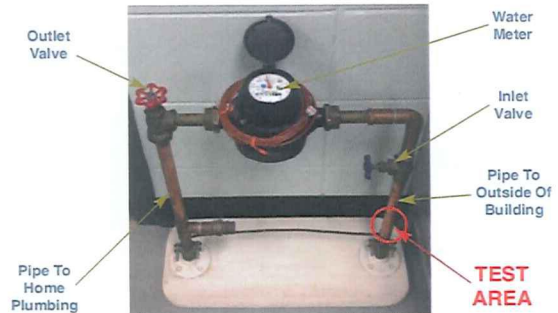
Flathead Screwdriver, Refrigerator Magnet & A Penny

Step 1:

Locate the water service line coming into the building.

This is typically found in the basement. An "inlet valve" and the water meter are installed on the pipe after the point of entry.

Identify a test area on the pipe between the point where it comes into the building and the inlet valve. If the pipe is covered or wrapped, expose a small area of metal.



Step 2:

Scratch the surface of the pipe.

Use the flat edge of a screwdriver or other tool to scratch through any corrosion that may have built up on the outside of the pipe.

Step 3:

Compare your pipe to the chart below.

Each type of pipe will produce a different type of scratch, react to the magnet differently and produce a unique sound when tapped with a metal coin.



Lead Pipes

The Scratch Test

If the scraped area is shiny and silver, your service line is lead.

The Magnet Test

A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.

The Tapping Test

Tapping a lead pipe with a coin will produce a dull noise.



Copper Pipes

The Scratch Test

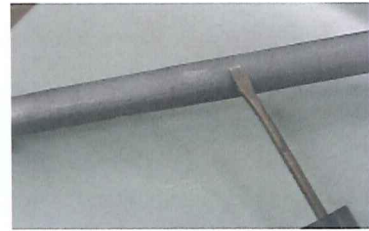
If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper.

The Magnet Test

A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.

The Tapping Test

Tapping a copper pipe with a coin will produce a metallic ringing noise.



Galvanized Pipes

The Scratch Test

If the scraped area remains a dull gray, your service line is galvanized steel.

The Magnet Test

A magnet sticks to a galvanized pipe.

The Tapping Test

Tapping a galvanized pipe with a coin will produce a metallic ringing noise.

Your help is needed in conducting this customer survey of each home and business in the service area to verify the service line material type. When you provide the most complete and accurate information possible, it helps the Authority reduce the cost of compliance.