

# Steps To Check If You Have A Lead Service Line

## Step 1 Find Your Water Meter

### OUTSIDE



#### PLACES TO LOOK

- Sidewalk
- Yard

### INSIDE



#### PLACES TO LOOK

- Basement
- Crawl space

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## Step 2 Find The Pipe

Find the water meter on the inside of your house – there should be a one inch in diameter pipe entering the house from a few feet underground before connecting to the water meter. It will have a valve on it.



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## Step 3 & 4 → Scratch the Pipe

### Step 3

Once you've located the pipe, scratch the pipe with a coin to see if it's made of plastic or metal



#### Plastic

This material is rarely used in water service lines in our area



#### Metal

Proceed to step 4

### Step 4

Use a key or coin to scratch the pipe close to where it enters the house through the wall, usually from a few feet underground



Orange like a shiny penny means you have a copper service line



If you see silver or gray, follow the next steps to find out if its galvanized steel or lead

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## Step 5 Use a Magnet

**Stick a magnet to the pipe to find out if you have galvanized steel or lead pipes**



### Scratch Test:

- Hard to scratch - you probably have galvanized steel
- Easy to scratch - you have lead pipes



### Magnet Test:

- Sticks - you probably have galvanized steel
- Does not stick - you have lead pipes



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