

How to Check Your Service Lines for Lead

While Dayton does not have lead in our drinking water, we are asking residents to submit information on their water service line material. This information will help us create a Service Line Inventory to support our efforts to replace all lead service lines in our community.

Know Your Pipes

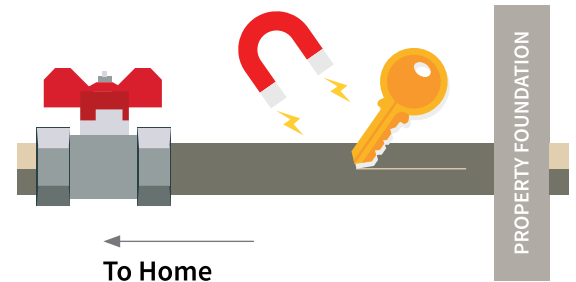
Self-Identify Your Home Water Service Pipe

What you will need:

- Cellphone with camera
- Coin or key
- Strong refrigerator magnet or similar type



Scan here to take the survey
 or visit daytonohio.gov/KnowYourPipes



Quick Steps to Get Started

1. Locate Your Water Service Pipe

Find the water pipe that comes into your home from the street. It may come into your house through your wall or up from the floor in a utility room on the lowest level of your home or crawl space. If you have a water meter or whole house shutoff valve, it might be the pipe from the wall or floor connected to the device.

2. Identify the Material

First determine if the pipe that enters your home is metal or plastic. If it is metal, note the color of the pipe – either green like the Statue of Liberty, copper/orange like a penny or silver/gray. If it is silver/gray, a quick test is needed to identify the pipe material.

Using either a key or coin, scratch the pipe (like a lottery ticket). If the scratched pipe turns a bright silver color, it may be lead or steel. Use a magnet to see if it sticks to the pipe. If the magnet sticks, it is steel.

3. Report Your Findings

Take and upload a photo of your water service pipe to the survey site. The photo should include the first 18 inches of service pipe as it enters your home and the shut off valve (if possible).



For any questions about lead pipes:

Call us at (937) 333-3725. Our staff will provide information on water testing, safety tips, and replacement options