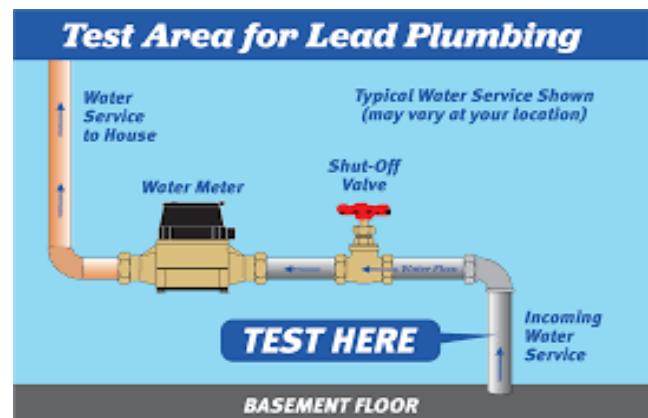


Step 1: Locate the incoming water service line

The incoming water service line is typically found in the basement, main floor, or crawlspace of your house or business. The pipe can come up from the floor, as shown in the image to the right, or it also can come out of the side wall. Your shut-off valve and water meter are typically installed on this line after the pipe comes through the wall from the outside of the house.



Step 2: Identify a testing area and conduct the inspection of your water service line



Lead Pipe



- A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.
- Scratch the pipe with a coin. If the scraped area is shiny silver and flakes off, the service line is lead.



Copper Pipe



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



Galvanized Steel Pipe



- If a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.
- A scratch test is not needed. If you scratch the pipe, it will remain a dull gray.

Step 3: Use your test results to identify the material of the pipe

The Scratch Test:

After performing the scratch test, if the color of the pipe matches the penny, then your pipe is copper material. If the pipe is a silver or gray color, try to determine whether or not it is shiny. If the pipe becomes shiny after being scratched, then it is likely a lead pipe. If the color remains a dull gray, then it is likely a galvanized steel pipe.

The Magnet Test:

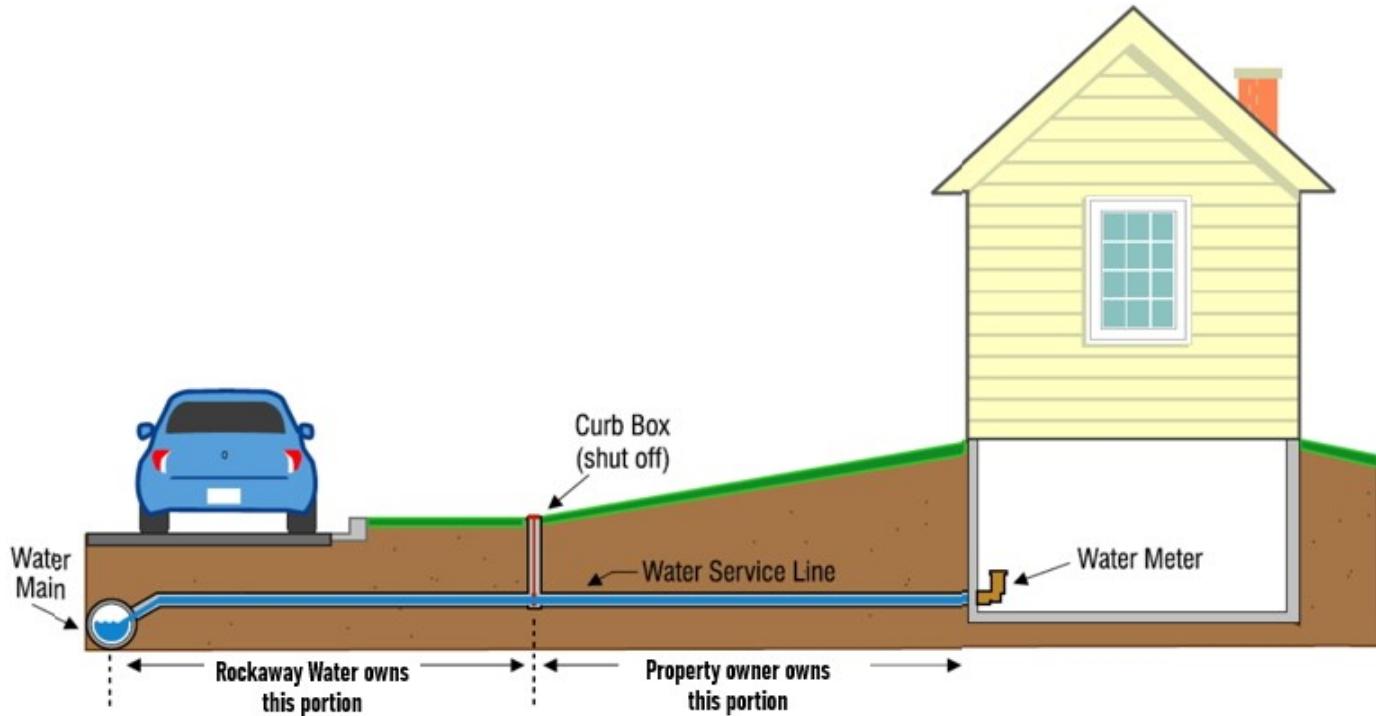
Regardless of the color, just to be safe, attempt to stick a magnet to the pipe. A magnet will not stick to copper or lead pipe. If the magnet sticks to your water service pipe, then your pipe is likely made of galvanized steel.

Step 4: Complete the online survey

Please go to the Borough of Rockaway's website (www.rockawayborough.org) and complete the online survey with the results of your test. Please be sure to take a picture of your test results as the survey will ask you to upload a photo.

Understanding responsibility of your water service line

§ 247-2. Liability of Borough. Notwithstanding any other provision within this chapter, the service line and/or supply pipe from the main to the shut-off valve at the curb line is the responsibility of the Borough, including curb stops, valves, curb boxes, roadway boxes, or valve boxes which are to be used by the Water Department for turning on or shutting off the water supply. The service line and/or supply pipe from the curb stop to the structure, up to but not including the meter, is the responsibility of the property owner. Except as otherwise required by statute, regulation, rule, ordinance or other provision of law or by any state, federal, local or other enforcement agency, the Borough of Rockaway shall not be responsible for water quality testing at any individual property. The Borough shall not be liable to any consumer of water for any damages whatsoever resulting from any failure on the part of the Borough to supply water to such consumer.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Rockaway Water Department at (973)627-2000

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.