

How do I Determine What Type of Water Service Line I Have?

1. Find your water service line (typically located in your basement)		2. Scratch the surface of the pipe (typically coming out of floor or wall)	
			
3. Identify your water service line. Test your pipe			
 <p style="text-align: center;">Lead</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Galvanized</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Copper</p>	
<p>You have a <u>lead</u> pipe if....</p> <p>Scratch Test - scraped area is shiny & silver.</p> <p>Magnet Test - magnet will not stick to pipe.</p> <p>Tapping Test - tapping a coin on the pipe makes dull noise.</p>	<p>You have a <u>galvanized</u> pipe if....</p> <p>Scratch Test - scraped area remains dull grey.</p> <p>Magnet Test - magnet will stick to pipe.</p> <p>Tapping Test - tapping a coin on the pipe makes metallic ringing noise.</p>	<p>You have a <u>copper</u> pipe if....</p> <p>Scratch Test - scraped area is copper in color, like a penny.</p> <p>Magnet Test - magnet will not stick to pipe.</p> <p>Tapping Test - tapping a coin on the pipe makes metallic ringing noise.</p>	

Step 1: Locate the Water Service Line & Test Area

The water service line is typically found in the basement. 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.

Note: If your pipes do not look like this example, please still try to test the pipe material. If you have questions, contact Biglerville Borough.

Step 2: Test the Pipe Material

You can find out your type of pipe by doing the scratch, magnet and tapping test. Take note of the reaction.

Step 3: Report your Results

Tell us what you found from the test by completing our [paper survey](#) and return to the Biglerville Borough.

Once the Borough collects this information, we will develop a plan to replace the lead service line and will coordinate directly with impacted property owners.

Questions/Concerns?

Not sure what kind of pipes you have? Call Biglerville Borough at 717-677-9488 to schedule an inspection. Have questions? Email us at office@biglerville.us