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Identifying Lead Service Line

What you will need:

1. House key, coin, or something to scrape the pipe.
2. Strong refrigerator magnet

Steps to check service line material:

1. Find the water meter in your basement and look at line that enters the water meter
2. Use the key or coin to carefully scratch the surface of the pipe
3. Compare the scratched area to the below options and reference pictures
 - a. If it is a dull gray color with minimal scratch marks on the surface and a magnet will stick to it, the pipe is **galvanized steel**
 - b. If it is shiny and silver and a magnet does not stick to it, the pipe is **lead**
 - c. If it is a smooth black, blue, red or white and a magnet will not stick to it, the pipe is **plastic**
 - d. If it is the same color as a penny and a magnet does not stick to it, the pipe is **copper**
4. Please report your findings in the survey

Reference pictures below

(Photo Credit: *Hamilton Township MUA*)

a.



b.



LEAD

c.



PLASTIC

d.



COPPER