

## Lead Line Service Inventory Questionnaire

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) are developing a national Lead Service Line Inventory to identify materials that make up the publicly maintained and the privately owned portions of the water lines that serve each property.

Town of Berryville staff has been reviewing water line data through construction and maintenance records for the properties served by Town utilities. The Town of Berryville has never exceeded the action levels for lead contaminants as determined by the VDH Office of Drinking Water Programs.

According to the EPA, people living in homes constructed prior to August 1, 1978 are at a higher risk of lead exposure than people living in homes built after that date. If your home was built before 1978, we are requesting your participation in identifying the material of water service lines in your home. Please complete and return the Lead Service Line Inventory Questionnaire no later than **June 30, 2024**.

Please Contact the Town Business Office at (540)955-1099 or email [tobpublicutilities@berryvilleva.gov](mailto:tobpublicutilities@berryvilleva.gov) if you have questions.

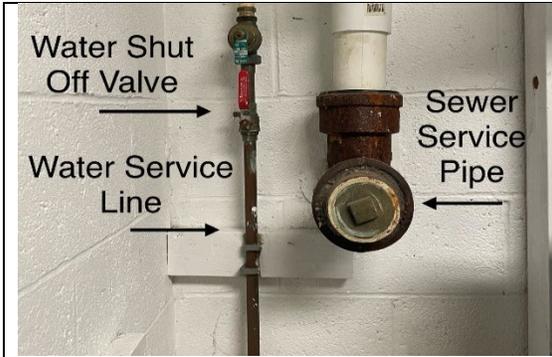
### Instructions

1. Locate the service line entry point through your exterior wall, basement, crawlspace, or other location where the pipe enters your home from your water meter.
2. Measure the circumference of the pipe by wrapping a piece of string around the pipe, marking the point where the ends meet, then straightening the string out beside a ruler or measuring tape. Most residential pipes are 6cm in circumference.
3. If the pipe looks and feels like plastic, it is made of **plastic**. Move forward to Step 6.
4. Place a magnet on the pipe to determine if the material used is magnetic. If the magnet sticks to the pipe, the pipe is made of **galvanized steel**. Move forward to Step 6.
5. Carefully scratch the pipe with a key or coin (Do not use a knife or other sharp tool. If the pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the material first). If the scratched pipe is copper in color, it is made of **copper**. If the scratched pipe is silver, it may be made of **lead**.
6. Take a photo of the pipe and submit it by email to [tobpublicutilities@berryvilleva.gov](mailto:tobpublicutilities@berryvilleva.gov) with your service address in the email subject line.
7. Submit your completed questionnaire on paper at the Town of Berryville business office at 101 Chalmers Court, or complete the questionnaire online at the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VGJT8F2>

For more information on the EPA's Drinking Water Requirements and resources on Lead in Drinking Water, go to <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

For more information on the VDH's Office of Drinking Water and resources on Lead and Copper in Drinking Water, go to <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/drinking-water/>

**Use the images below as a reference to find the water service pipe material in your own home**



**WATER SERVICE LINE**

Usually located in a basement, crawlspace, garage, or exterior wall closest to your water meter.

Usually, this is the pipe attached to the valve you close to turn your water off in a plumbing emergency.



**PLASTIC**

A magnet will not stick to a plastic pipe.

A scratch test is not needed.

Plastic pipes will be usually white, black, or blue in color.



**GALVANIZED STEEL**

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 dull gray.



**COPPER**

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.



**LEAD**

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.