

Testing your pipes



How to Identify Your Pipes

To determine the type of metal pipes you have in your home/business, try the scratch test with a screw driver, and match it to the picture below. You can also use a magnet to help determine the type of metal pipe you have.



Scratch Test - if the pipe is soft and easily scraped and the becomes shiny, your pipe is lead.

Magnett Test - a magnet will NOT stick to a lead pipe.



Scratch Test - if the scratched area is copper colored, like a penny, it is a copper pipe.

Magnet Test - a magnet will NOT stick to a copper pipe.



Scratch Test - if the scratched area remains gray, the service line is galvanized steel.

Magnet Test - a magnet WILL stick to a galvanized pipe.

If you are still unsure, call our office and we can help.

Where to Test???

Each home/business is different. Find where your water line comes into your home/business, test the pipe that comes through your basement wall or floor before the first fitting or valve.

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