



# RCAP WATER SERVICE LINE SELF-SURVEY

If you are unsure what material your service line is and want to do an at home test, we can help you by following these instructions or by watching this training video:

[https://youtu.be/AiU7GHZD\\_Ck?t=22](https://youtu.be/AiU7GHZD_Ck?t=22)

If you are unsure of the materials that could be making up your water system, this video provides information about each material you may encounter:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHz1n7Bi24I>



## WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR THE SCRATCH TEST

- a key, penny, or screwdriver
- a magnet

First, you will need to locate the pipe (service line) which goes from your house to the water meter. As seen above, your service line will look similar to this. This is where you will perform the scratch test.

Next, use a key, coin, or screwdriver to scratch the pipe (service line) inside your home leading from the wall or floor of your home into the water meter.

When performing the scratch test, service lines with a shiny silver appearance likely indicate lead as the material. Lead is a soft material, so it will easily indent with a coin. As mentioned in the video above, lead is also non-magnetic, so using a magnet can help determine the material as well.

**My service line appears to be:**

☐ Lead ☐ Galvanized ☐ Copper ☐ Plastic ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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