

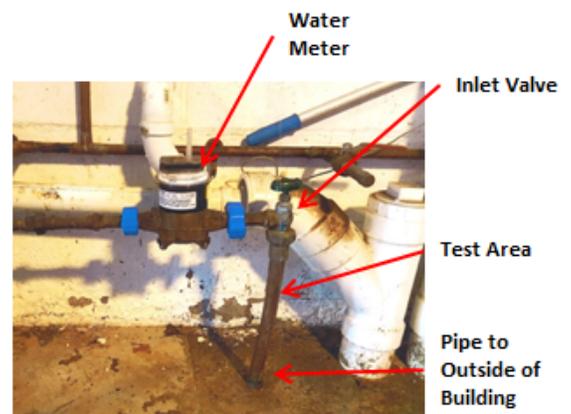
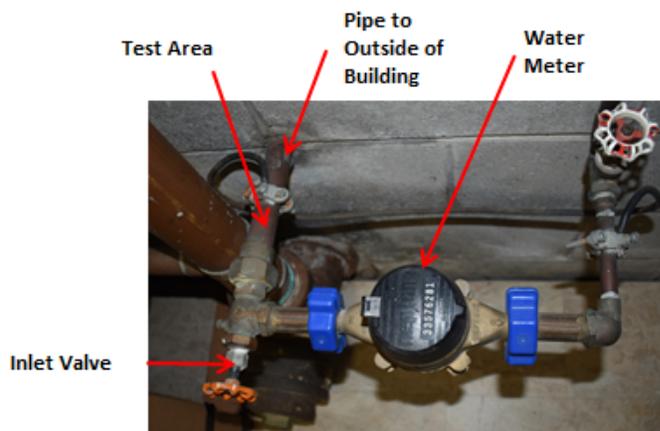


How to Identify your Water Service Material

- 1. Find your water meter.** For most homes, the water meter is located in the basement/cellar or lower level and on the front wall that faces the street. It will look similar to what is pictured below:



- 2. Locate the water service line as it enters into the building.** Do you see the “inlet valve” identified in the picture above? Do you see the arrows in the water meter? This shows how the water supply moves from the outside pipes into your plumbing through the meter into the internal plumbing.
- 3. Identify a “test area” on the inlet pipe** between the point it enters the wall or the floor and the inlet valve. Expose a small area of the pipe if it is covered or wrapped.



4. **Have a screwdriver and magnet handy.** Use the flat edge of a screwdriver to gently scratch the pipe. Remove any corrosion that may have built up on the outside of the pipe.



5. **Identify the inlet pipe material:**

The pipe material could be...	When you scratch, the pipe color is ...	Does the magnet stick?
Copper	...orange like a penny.	No
Galvanized Steel	...dull gray.	Yes
Lead	...shiny and silver	No
Plastic	...either black or blue.	No



Copper Pipe

If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper. A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.



Galvanized Steel Pipe

If the scraped area remains a dull gray, and a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.



Lead Pipe

If the scraped area is shiny and silver, your service line is lead. A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.



Plastic Pipe

If the service line is blue or black, does not appear to be any of the other materials listed above, and a magnet will not stick to the surface, your service line is most likely plastic.