



**ACTION REQUIRED**

Dear City of Clarkesville Utility Customer,

The City of Clarkesville is working to make your water as clean as possible. To that end and because of Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requirements, we need to verify the type of material of your water service line. On the reverse side of this letter are instructions on how to check your pipes. Please send these results to us in one of the following ways:

- 1. Note the material on the form below and return to our office in the enclosed envelope.



- 2. Go to webform at <http://tinyurl.com/2v3haw3j> or scan  and enter your information.

If you are not able to check your pipes, please call (762) 230-3140 to arrange an appointment for someone to come and check them for you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office.

For more information, visit our website at [www.clarkesvillega.com/water-department](http://www.clarkesvillega.com/water-department)  
Additional information at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.  
City of Clarkesville Water Department

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Return this portion to: City of Clarkesville, PO Box 21, Clarkesville GA 30523

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 911 Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

My water service line is: (check one)

- Lead
- Copper
- Galvanized Steel/Iron
- Plastic
- Brass
- Not sure

Thank you!

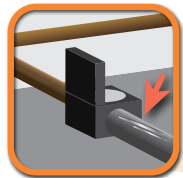
# How to check your water service line material

The City's water mains are not made of lead. However, the water service line running from the water main to your home may be made of lead, plastic, copper, or steel.

Lead can also be found in older brass fixtures and valves and in old solder or epoxy, where pipes are joined.



You can test the water service line where it connects to the water meter in the basement.



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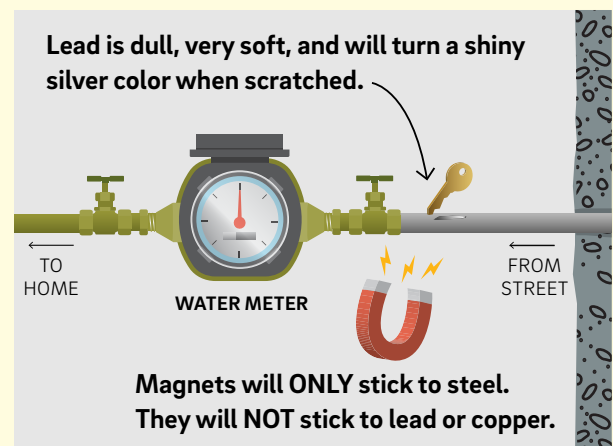


## Follow these steps:

### You will need:

- Key or a coin
- Strong refrigerator magnet

1. Find the water meter in your basement. Look at the pipe that comes through the outside wall of your home and connects to your meter.
2. Carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket) with a key or a coin. Do not use a knife or other sharp tool. Take care not to make a hole in the pipe. If the scratch turns a shiny silver color, it could be lead or steel.  
**NOTE:** If pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal first.
3. Place the magnet on the pipe. If a magnet sticks, it is a steel pipe.



### Other ways you can check for lead:

- Purchase a lead test kit at a hardware or home improvement store. These kits test what the pipe is made from – not the water inside. Look for an EPA recognized kit.
- A licensed and insured plumber can inspect your pipes and other plumbing for lead or steel. Replacing an older brass faucet or valve might reduce the lead in water.