

City of Big Lake Water Service Line Material Survey

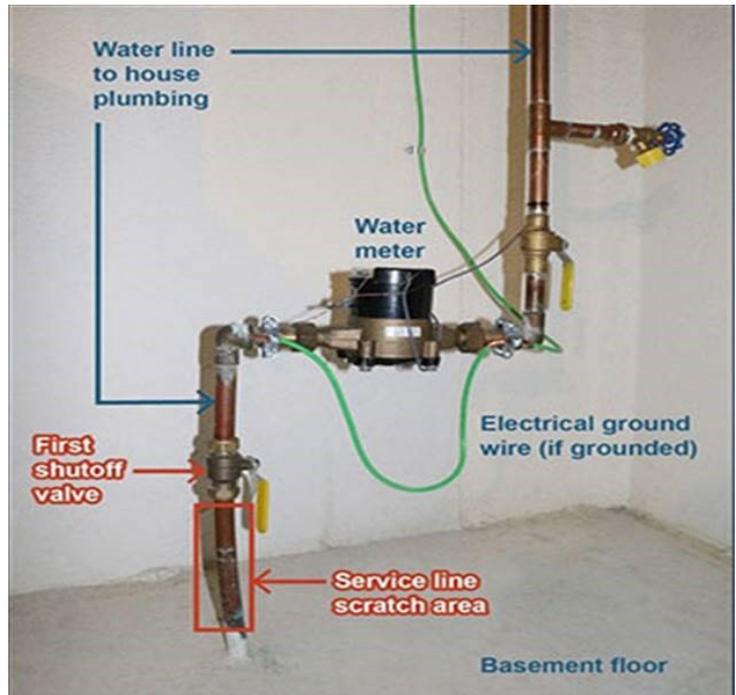
The City of Big Lake is conducting an inventory of all water service lines and we are asking property owners and tenants to help us determine if the waterline running out of your home is copper, plastic, lead, or galvanized steel (This is the portion of waterline that comes into your house and connects to the water meter). Please follow the steps below:

What You May Need

- Sandpaper
- A house key/screwdriver or something to scratch the line if needed
- A strong magnet

Steps to Check Your Service Line

1. Find the water meter on your property.
2. Look for the pipe that comes through the basement floor or the outside wall of your home and connects to your meter.
3. Determine the pipe material. This may be obvious if it is plastic or copper. If the pipe material is not obvious, then you may need to scratch the pipe to see if you can expose the material. You might want to sand the pipe as well to help expose the metal.
 - A. If the pipe material does not feel like metal and when you scratch it, it is the same color in the scratched area, then note plastic.
 - B. If the exposed material appears to have a copper color like a penny, then note copper.
 - C. If the exposed material has a silver/gray color, then use a magnet on the pipe. If the magnet sticks, then note galvanized steel. If it doesn't stick, then note lead.
4. Take a picture of the pipe that comes through the basement floor or the outside wall of your home (example photo above for reference). Report your pipe material results along with a picture of your waterline via email to dchilds@biglakemn.org. Be sure to include your address somewhere in the email.



If you tested your water service line and are still unsure of your service line material, the city will visit your home to inspect your service line at no cost to you. To request an inspection or to reach out with questions please contact Dan Childs at 763-251-8010 or dchilds@biglakemn.org.