

How to check your water service line material

The Authority'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 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.



! For any questions about lead in your water:

Call us at (215) 723.5000.

Our staff will provide information on water testing, safety tips and replacement options.

Possible Pipe Materials



To ensure the safety of your family, the Authority strongly advises that you test your pipes and upload the results to the TBA Lead Information website.



Step 1: Conduct a Scratch & Magnet Test

- Find the water service line pipe that comes through the outside wall of your property and connects to the meter.
- Carefully scratch the surface of the pipe.
- Place the magnet on the pipe. Check if the magnet sticks to the pipe.

Step 2: Take a Picture

- Take a photograph of your service line where it connects to your water meter from the side. Make sure to include the service line and meter in the photograph.

Step 3: Report this Information to TBA

- Send your results and pictures to TBA by filling out the form on the bottom of the Lead Information page on the Telford Borough Authority website at <https://www.telfordborough.org/telford-borough-authority/page/telfords-lead-inventory>

You will need:

- Key, coin, or flat-head metal screwdriver
- Strong magnet

For more instructions on how to test for lead visit the Lead Information tab on the Telford Borough Authority website.