

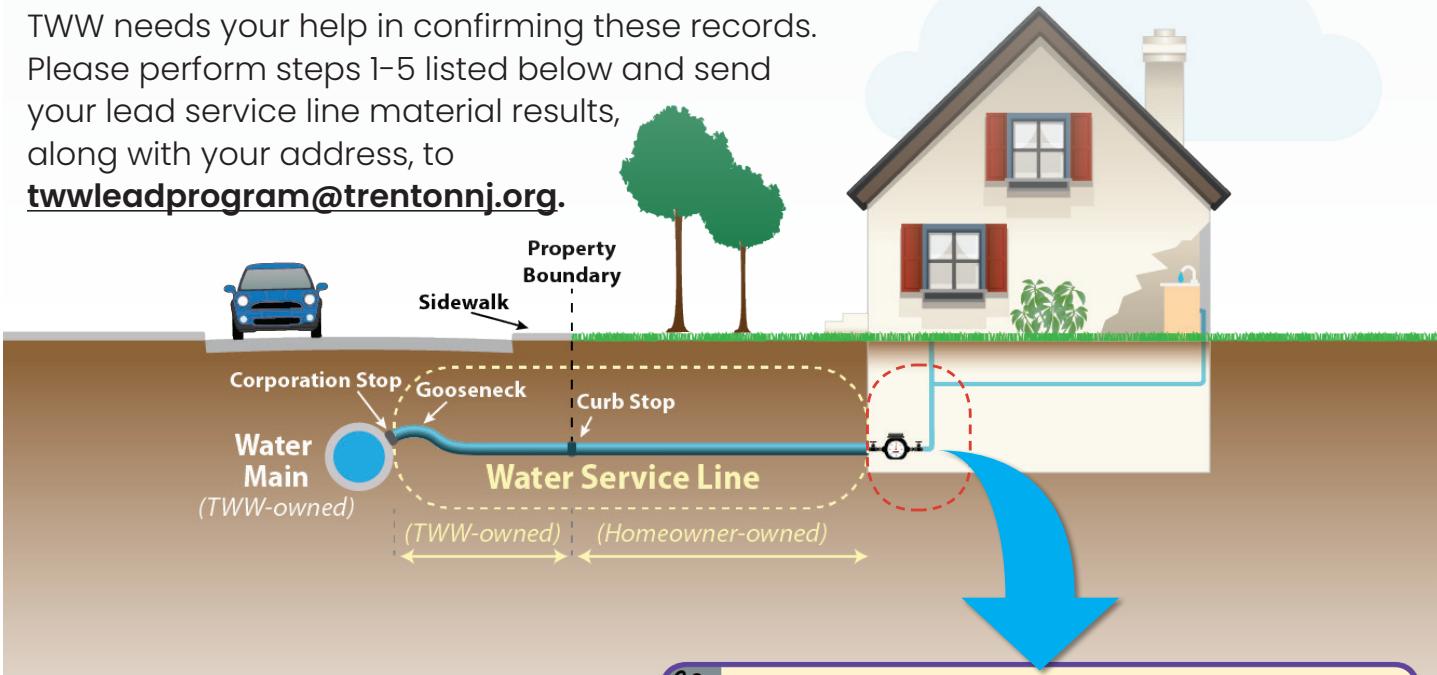
# How to Find Out if You Have a Lead Service Line

Trenton Water Works (TWW) needs your help in identifying the lead and galvanized steel service lines in the city's water system. Galvanized steel service lines may be lead lined or have goosenecks that are made of lead material. Services that contain lead materials pose known health risks. TWW is currently undergoing a Lead Service Line Replacement Program which offers limited replacement of service lines made of lead material at a highly discounted rate.

If you **HAVE NOT** received an invitation into the Lead Service Line Program, it means that TWW's records indicate that you **DO NOT** have a lead or galvanized steel service line.

TWW needs your help in confirming these records.

Please perform steps 1-5 listed below and send your lead service line material results, along with your address, to [twwleadprogram@trentonnj.org](mailto:twwleadprogram@trentonnj.org).



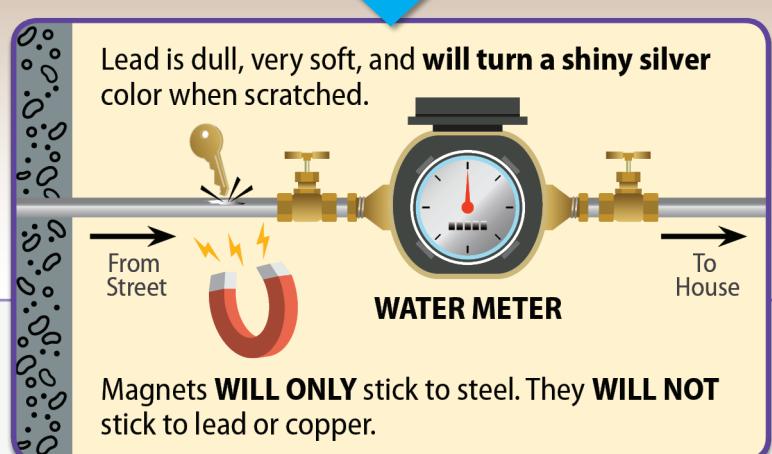
## Material Verification Test

What you will need:

a **house key** or **coin** and a **magnet**.

Steps to testing your **water service line** material:

1. Find the water meter on your property.
2. Look for the pipe that comes through the outside wall of your home and connects to your meter.
3. Use a key or coin to gently scratch the pipe (like you would scratch a lottery ticket). If the pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal first.
4. Place the magnet on the pipe to see if it sticks to the pipe.
5. Determine your pipe material and send your results and address to [twwleadprogram@trentonnj.org](mailto:twwleadprogram@trentonnj.org).



## Material Verification Test

To find out if you have a **copper**, **lead** or **galvanized steel** service on your property, you (or your landlord) can perform a **material verification test** on the water service line **where it connects to the water meter** to determine the material of the water service line on your property.

### If your pipe is:

**Copper:** The pipe may appear dull brown on the outside but will be the color of a bright penny if gently scratched.

A magnet **WILL NOT** stick to a copper pipe.



COPPER

**Lead:** The pipe will appear dull and soft but will turn a shiny silver color when scratched.

A magnet **WILL NOT** stick to a lead pipe.



LEAD

**Galvanized Steel:** The scratched area will remain a dull gray, and a magnet **WILL** stick to the surface.



Galvanized  
STEEL

If your home **was built before 1986**, lead may also be present in **indoor piping**, **solder**, and **fixtures**. Here are **some other ways** you can check for lead:

- **Lead test kits** to test the pipe can be purchased at your local hardware store. 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 may be a **simple way to reduce the lead** in water.
- Water **sample test kits** can be picked up at Trenton Water Works and then sent to a **private lab** to analyze your water. **TWW is not responsible** for the cost of the lab analysis.

To find more information on **reducing exposure to lead in drinking water**,  
visit [www.twwleadprogram.com](http://www.twwleadprogram.com)

For questions about lead in water or testing your water service line, contact  
**Trenton Water Works at (609) 989-3055** or [twwleadprogram@trentonnj.org](mailto:twwleadprogram@trentonnj.org)  
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