

Get to Know Your Water Pipes

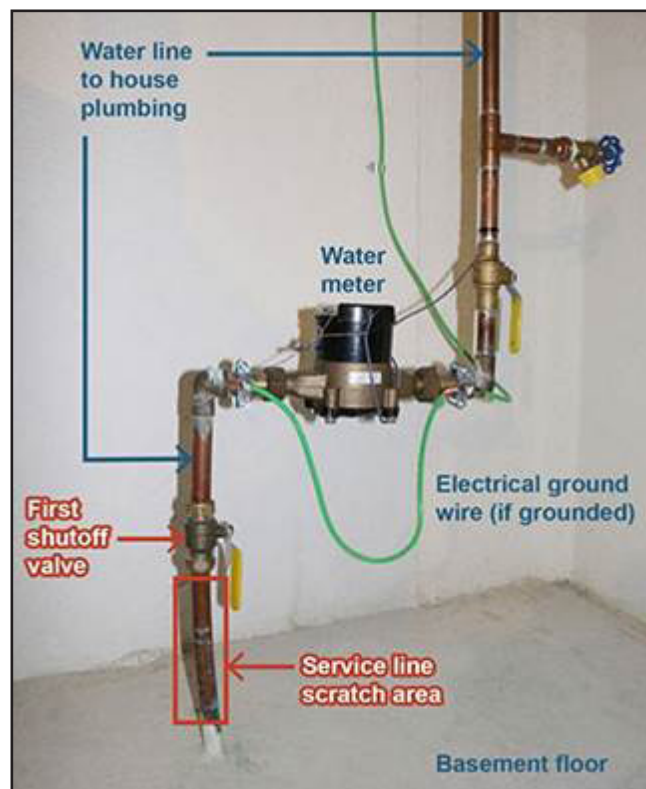
Identify if you have a lead service line



A service line brings treated drinking water into your home from the City's water main. Most water service lines in Detroit are copper, lead or galvanized steel. If your home was built prior to 1950, your service line may be made of lead.

To determine if you have a lead service line, get a magnet and a coin, and then follow these steps:

1. Locate where the service line comes into your home, near the water meter and your shut-off valve. Look for the pipe running between your shut-off valve and either the wall or the floor in your basement (or first floor if you have no basement).
2. If the magnet sticks to the pipe, it's galvanized steel.
3. Gently scratch the surface of the pipe with the coin, if the scraped area is shiny, is silver in color and the magnet doesn't stick, it's made of lead. It may have a bulge near the valve. If so, it is a lead pipe.
4. If it is copper in color and the magnet doesn't stick, it's copper and no action needs to take place.



TAKE ACTION

If you have a lead service line:

- Use the flushing instructions on the backside of this flier
- Call 313-267-8000 to request a water quality test
- Visit www.detroitmi.gov/lslr to see where the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department is currently replacing lead service lines in Detroit.



WATER FLUSHING INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have a lead service line or do not know the type of plumbing in your home and or the water has not been used for several days, follow these flushing instructions before using your water for drinking or cooking.



- 1** Remove faucet aerators (screen) from all water taps in the home.



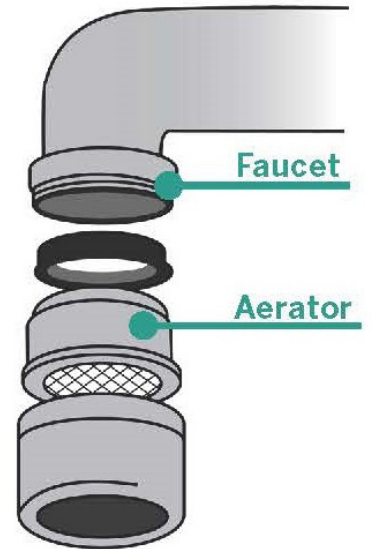
- 2** Beginning in the lowest level of your home, open all the cold water taps in the house.



- 3** Let the water run for 5-10 minutes at the last tap you opened (top floor).



- 4** Turn off each tap starting with the first tap you opened (bottom floor). Clean and install aerators.



WHO TO CALL:

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