

Ellicottville Water District
Lead Water Service Line Inventory

Important - Action Required

In compliance with new Health Department regulations regarding lead service lines, the Ellicottville Water District is completing an inventory of all water service lines in the system. Some older service lines may be made of lead, and our goal is to identify those service lines and find out how many there are and where.

Your water service line is the small-diameter pipe which transports water from the public water main to your home or business. It is typically buried several feet underground and enters the building basement, crawl space, or mechanical room. The service line feeds into a water meter which distributes and measures flow into the rest of the building. In most cases, the water meter is located inside the building.

We need your help in identifying what material your water service line is made of. In order to do this, you will need access to your meter. You will need a magnet, a screwdriver, and a camera. Find the pipe feeding your meter and perform the test procedure described below. Please let us know the results by **June 16, 2023**.

Test Procedure: Check to see whether a magnet sticks to the pipe. Scratch the pipe with your screwdriver and observe the color of the underlying material. Take a picture with your camera and compare your water service line with the characteristics below:

Magnet sticks to pipe -> service line is Steel

Magnet does not stick to pipe (or you do not have a magnet)? Scratch the pipe and look at the color of the scratch:

dull gray and very hard to scratch -> service lines is Steel

copper-colored (like a penny) -> service line is Copper

same as pipe surface (may be black, blue, or white) -> service line is Plastic

shiny silver and easily scratched -> service line is Lead

A video demonstrating the test procedure can be found on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/PcO5FCE9Vfw>

Send Us the Results: Scan the QR code below with your smartphone. It will bring up a questionnaire for you to answer regarding your water service line. You will also be asked to upload a photo or two of your scratch test. Alternatively, if you are unable to access the questionnaire, you can download a fillable electronic PDF version at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/water-division.html>. Fill out the form and email it, with your photos, to ellicottville@evlengineering.com. Please send us the results of your test by **June 16, 2023**.

Scan the QR code to upload
your test procedure results
(links to a Typeform survey)



Thank you for your assistance in this matter. As always, our goal is to continue delivering clean and safe drinking water to our community.

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