



Lead Pipe Survey

To complete this survey, you will need a smart phone (camera), a coin, a key or another tool and a magnet.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Account Number: _____

Locate the water services line coming into your home/building.

The service line comes into your home/building from the street. It is typically located in a utility room on the lowest level of the building or a crawl space. The service line will be connected to the water meter, if you have one. Identify a test area on the pipe between the point where it enters the building and the inlet valve/meter. If the pipe is covered or wrapped, expose a small area of metal.

Were you able to find your drinking water service line?

Yes

No

Perform a scratch test

Use the coin, key or other tool to carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket). If your line is painted, you may need sandpaper to clear a small area.

Were you able to perform a scratch test? *

Yes

No

What was the color result after the scratch test?

Shiny and silver - Lead

Copper colored (like a penny) - Copper

Dull and gray - Galvanized

Visibly plastic (white and rigid) - Plastic

Perform a magnet test

Place the magnet on the pipe.

Were you able to perform a magnet test?

- Yes
- No

What was the result of the magnet test?

- The magnet does not stick to the pipe
- The magnet sticks to the pipe



You have a lead pipe if...



The Scratch Test
...the scraped area is shiny and silver.



The Magnet Test
...the magnet will not stick to the pipe.



You have a copper pipe if...



The Scratch Test
...the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny.



The Magnet Test
...the magnet will not stick to the pipe.



You have a galvanized pipe if...



The Scratch Test
...the scraped area remains a dull gray.



The Magnet Test
...the magnet sticks to the pipe.

From Des Plaines IL Public Works

*Send a photo of the pipe tested to jcoffey@carlisleoh.org with your address included in the email.

Additional information here:

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey.

For more information please visit our website at:

www.carlisleoh.org

