

# Borough of Mount Arlington



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## **Notice of Unknown Service Line Material**

Contact us at (973) 398-6832 ext. 113 or 120 to obtain a translated copy of this notice of your water service line materials or to request assistance in the appropriate language. (N.J.S.A. 58:12A-43)

Dear Property Owner:

In July 2021, P.L.2021, Ch.183 (Law) was enacted, requiring all community water systems to replace lead service lines in their service area within 10 years. Under the law, the Borough of Mount Arlington is required to notify customers, non-paying consumers, and any off-site owner of a property (e.g., landlord) when it is known they are served by a lead service line. Our service line inventory is available at [mountarlingtonnj.org](http://mountarlingtonnj.org). Our most recent service line inventory indicates that your property has unknown pipe material.

A service line is a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building inlet as seen in the photo attached. Ownership of the service line varies by water system, but for the Borough of Mount Arlington, the service line is owned partially by the water system and partially by the property owner. The service line materials on the water system side are copper and the service line materials on the property owner side are unknown. It is possible that the line is made of galvanized steel, which is classified by the NJDEP as containing lead.

**How do I know if I have a lead service line?** To find out if you have a copper, lead or galvanized steel service on your property, you (or your landlord) can perform a Materials 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.

Please follow the steps below, and then send the results of the test along with your property address to [dpw@mtarlingtonboro.com](mailto:dpw@mtarlingtonboro.com). The Borough of Mount Arlington will include your results in their water service line inventory records.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey, your help and dedication to the Borough of Mt. Arlington is greatly appreciated.

### **What You Need**

- A house key or coin
- A strong refrigerator magnet

## Steps to Check Your Service Line

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; send your results and property address to [dpw@mtarlingtonboro.com](mailto:dpw@mtarlingtonboro.com).

### Your Test Results



#### A: 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 won't stick to a copper pipe.



#### B: If your pipe is **lead**:

The pipe will appear dull and soft but will turn a shiny silver color when scratched. A magnet won't stick to a lead pipe.



#### C: If your pipe is **galvanized steel**:

The scratched area will remain a dull gray, and a magnet will stick to the surface. If you have a galvanized steel pipe, you may still have a lead gooseneck on your service line.

## ARE THERE OTHER WAYS I CAN CHECK TO SEE IF I HAVE A LEAD SERVICE LINE?

You can take a picture of the line where it enters your house. Please attach it in an email with your address and send it to [dpw@mtarlingtonboro.com](mailto:dpw@mtarlingtonboro.com).

