

The US EPA and NYS DOH requires all Water Utilities to submit a water service inventory by October 16, 2024. Please help us gather the required information by identifying your water pipe.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If the pipe material entering your home through the basement wall or floor is corroded or in poor condition, only perform a magnet test on the pipe.

## Items you will need:

- Magnet
- Flat Head Screwdriver or Coin (something to scratch the pipe)
- Flashlight (if basement is dark)
- Camera

## Step 1 - Locate your water pipe:

Find your water meter and the pipe connected to the ground or wall. The water meter is typically located towards the front of the house at the location closest to the road. If your house is set far back from the road, your water meter may be located in a meter pit at or near the right of way / property line. If your meter is located in a meter pit, please do not access the meter pit and locate the pipe in the basement only.

## Step 2 - Test the water pipe to determine material type:

Visually inspect your pipe to see if it is *PLASTIC*. If your pipe is a bright blue color with a smooth finish and flexible, you have *PLASTIC*. This pipe material is resistant to corrosion. See the photo below:

## **Example of Plastic**





If the pipe is brownish-orange in color, like a penny, or has turned green over time due to oxidation, and your magnet will NOT stick to it, you have a *COPPER* pipe. See photo below:





If your pipe appears metallic check to see if a magnet can stick to the pipe. If the magnet sticks, you have *GALVANIZED STEEL* pipe. See photo below:

**Example of Galvanized** 





Use the coin or flathead screwdriver to **GENTLY** scratch the surface of the pipe to remove any coatings or dirt to reveal the material underneath.

If your pipe is dark in color, very soft, easy to scratch, the scratched surface looks shiny and silvery, and your magnet will **NOT** stick to it, you likely have a **LEAD** pipe. See photo below:



**Example of Lead** 

Step 3 – Submit your findings:

Click on the link or enter the website address from a web browser on your phone or computer to enter your findings:

https://arcg.is/1Wzm9X or SCAN the following QR Code:



Enter your information on the website and click the submit button. Please call (315) 524-2941 x700 with any questions. Thank you!