

What is a service line inventory?

 A service line inventory is an EPA-mandated requirement for every water system to compile a list of all service line materials going from the water main into the building. Each community is responsible for collecting this data by way of historical record analysis and visual inspection of the service line.

How do I find my service line?

 Your service line is typically located near your water main shut-off valve. This is often found in your basement, crawl space, or garage.

How do I determine my service line material type?

• There are various at home tests you can complete to assist with determining your material type. Your service line is likely made of either copper, galvanized steel, plastic, or lead. Plastic pipes are often black or blue and easily recognizable. You can grab a magnet and if it sticks to the pipe, it is likely galvanized steel as lead and copper are not magnetic. Another option is to complete a "scratch test" with a screwdriver and create a small scratch on the service line. If the scratch is shiny and copper in color, your line is made of copper. If it scratches easily and the scratch is shiny and silver, your line is made of lead.

How do I get more information on the service line inventory program?

The EPA has released guidance on the nationwide initiative, which can be found on their website. Your local
water utility likely has more information on their website as well. If you run into issues finding more
information, call your local water utility to learn more.