

What you need to know about

LEAD IN WATER

Do I have lead plumbing on my property?

Like many older water systems, some homes and businesses in the Town of Williamson water system may have a lead service line on their property or have plumbing that contains lead, copper with high lead solder, or brass fixtures that may contain lead.

For service lines that run into your home or business from the street, the pipes are usually made of lead, copper or galvanized steel. Identification of the type of pipe can be done using a magnet test and a scratch test.



Lead Pipe



- A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.
- Scratch the pipe with a coin. If the scraped area is shiny silver and flakes off, the service line is lead.



Copper Pipe



- A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.
- Scratch the pipe with a penny. If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper.



Galvanized Steel Pipe



- If a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.
- A scratch test is not needed. If you scratch the pipe, it will remain a dull gray.

For more information about lead and drinking water, call the Town of Williamson Water Plant at 315-589-3781 or visit the Town's website.

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