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How to Identify the Material of a Water Service

Step 1: Locate a standard screw driver and a magnet.

Step 2: Locate your water meter, typically located in a basement. The piping coming from the foundation wall or floor that connects to the water meter is the water service.

Step 3: Use the standard screw driver to lightly scrape the water service pipe and attempt to attach the magnet to the service.

Based on the following results:

- If the area that is scraped is shiny and the magnet will not stick to it, the service is lead.



- If the area that is scraped has the same color of a penny and the magnet does not stick to it, the service is copper.



- If the scraped area is a dull gray and the magnet sticks to it, the service is galvanized steel.

