

Lead Pipes

Lead is a dull, silver metal that is easily scratched. If your service line fits this description, plus a magnet won't stick to it, please call our office at (207) 622-3701 to schedule an inspection with one of our staff.

Solid lead pipes are rare in Maine, but you are more likely to see an iron pipe that is lined with lead. Unfortunately, we can only know this with good records.



"How to Identify a Lead Service Pipe." Lake County Public Works, 18 July 2024, <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4817/How-to-Identify-a-Lead-Service-Pipe>.

Galvanized Pipe

Galvanized pipes are iron pipe with a zinc coating. As many of these pipes were installed prior to World War II, they are well past their expiration date, so will likely be pitted and rusty in appearance. The best way to determine if you have a galvanized pipe is to use a magnet. If the magnet sticks, then you have a galvanized pipe.

Galvanized pipes could potentially be a source of lead from either the original zinc coating or from lead particles that can accumulate over decades of use.



Waterman, J. (2024) Galvanized Pipe. Augusta, ME.