



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY of GIRARD, OHIO

100 W. MAIN STREET

GIRARD, OHIO 44420

June 20, 2024

Dear Homeowner,

As an Ohio Public Water System, the City of Girard is mandated to continually maintain compliance with Ohio EPA regulations. In 2016, the Ohio Legislature adopted new requirements related to lead and copper for public water systems. Under these new regulations, the City is required to submit an inventory of lead service lines by October 16, 2024. In addition to lead and copper compliance, the City has developed an asset management plan in compliance with Ohio EPA requirements. The asset management plan reviews the technical, managerial, and financial capability of our water system with updates to the plan performed on a routine basis.

Prior to 1986, lead pipes were commonly used in the United States for interior plumbing installations. As part of the 1986 Safe Water Drinking Act update, Congress banned the use of lead pipes in public water systems. Because lead solder was still used prior to 1988, current Ohio EPA guidance suggests that structures built after 1988 are less likely to have lead than those built before 1988. According to our records, your water service line may be comprised of lead or galvanized steel based on the year that the structure was built. Rest assured that our City Water Department works diligently to ensure that the water we distribute is safe for consumption and in compliance with state and federal regulations.

We are respectfully asking for your help to identify what type of water service line you have in your home. The City has contracted with *ms consultants, inc.* to assist us in this inventory process. We have included instructions on how you can self-test your water service line and report that information back to *ms consultants, inc.* for tracking. You may hand deliver or mail the completed survey to the Mayor's Office or the Water Department or simply scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet and complete the survey online. Please complete the survey at your earliest opportunity. Your response is greatly appreciated.

With this information, the City will be able to update existing records in an effort to maintain compliance with the Ohio EPA's regulatory requirements and help us identify future replacement projects for inclusion in our capital improvement plan. The City strives to be proactive in our approach to lead service lines. We intend to continue to be aggressive in finding grant opportunities as they arise to remove these lines from our system once identified.

If you have any further questions regarding the quality of your water or identifying the location of your water service connection or service line self-test process, please contact City Water Superintendent Mr. Mike Scoville at (234) 600-0672. Thank you.

Mayor Mark Zuppo

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WE NEED YOU

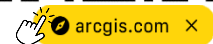
Help Us Get the Lead Out

What?

- To protect our customers from lead in drinking water, we are working to identify and catalog all service lines, including those in your home.
- To limit cost and disruption to residents, we need your help identifying your home's service line, which connects your residence to the main water distribution pipes.

How?

Please use the QR code below to complete the short survey, or fill out a paper copy. This 5–10-minute survey will walk you through how to identify your home's service line. Additional hardcopies of the survey are available at City Hall.

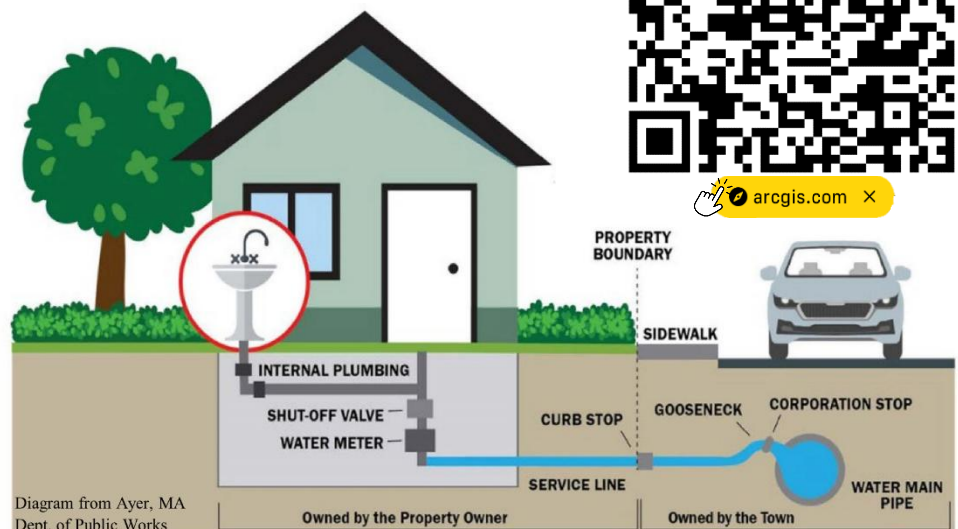


More Information

- Ohio EPA Lead and Copper
- Girard Water Department

(330) 545-5857

<https://cityofgirardoh.gov/blog/ovadep/water-department/>

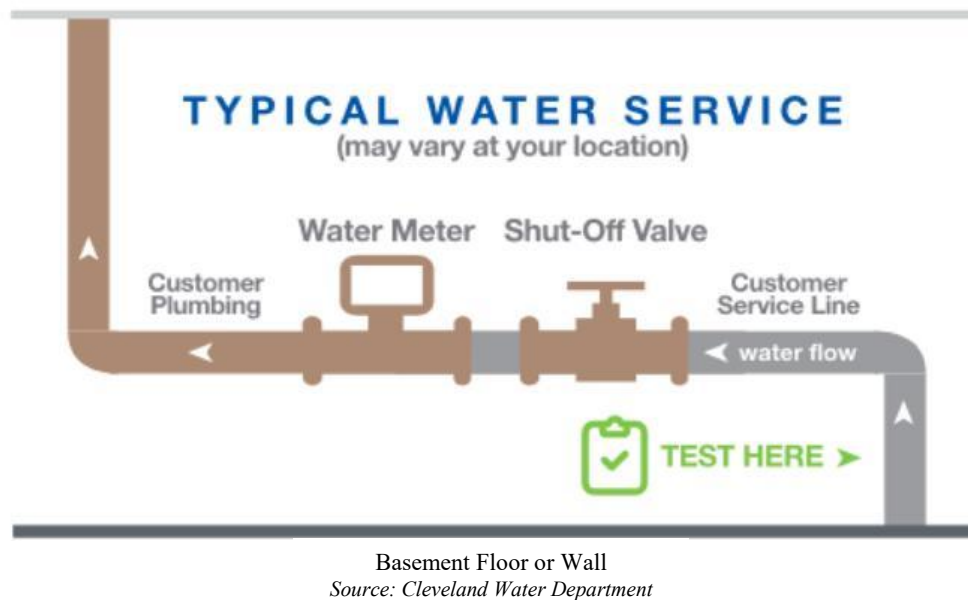


**Have Questions? Contact: Gaye Martuccio at
gmartuccio@cityofgirardoh.gov or (330) 545-3879**



City of Girard, Ohio Service Line Inventory First Notification

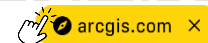
The City of Girard is currently in the process of creating an inventory of water service line materials within the distribution system for regulatory compliance. As a result, you should have received a packet of information that included a letter from Mayor Mark Zuppo and self-testing directions. Below is a graphic showing the proper testing location of your service line as well as directions on how to submit the requested information. Please submit your results as soon as possible.



Four ways to respond:

1. Scan the QR Code to the right with your phone or tablet and fill out survey electronically.
2. Return original survey to Girard City Hall when paying water bill.
3. Email Gaye Martuccio at gmartuccio@cityofgirardoh.gov for a copy of the survey form.
4. Complete survey and send to:

City of Girard
c/o Gaye Martuccio
100 West Main Street, Suite 6
Girard, Ohio 44420



Additional hard copies of the survey are available in City Hall at the Mayor's Office or Water Department.

Please contact the representatives below if you have additional questions.

Regulatory Requirements and Lead and Copper Rule	Surveys, Mailers, and Service Line Inventory	Locating Water Service and Water Quality Complaints	Questions for the Mayor and Other Inquiries
Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters	City of Girard Water Department Water Superintendent	City of Girard Water Department Water Superintendent	City of Girard Mayor's Office Administrative Assistant
Lead and Copper Team (614) 644-3020 DDAGWLeadCopper@epa.ohio.gov	Michael Scoville (234) 600-0672 mscoville@cityofgirardoh.gov	Michael Scoville (234) 600-0672 mscoville@cityofgirardoh.gov	Gaye Martuccio (330) 545-3306 info@cityofgirardoh.gov

Service Line Survey Form

Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Owner Phone: _____

Owner Email Address: _____

Location of Water Service: _____

Complete the Survey Online

OR

If you would like to complete the online version of this survey, please point your phone or tablet's camera toward the QR code and click the survey link.



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To help identify the pipe material, please read the descriptions of each pipe below and check the box next to your pipe.

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Lead Pipe



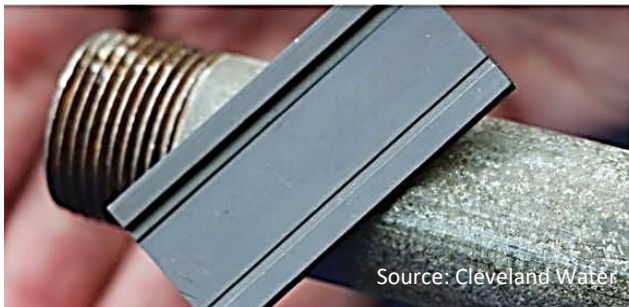
- A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.
- Scratch the pipe with a coin. If the scraped area is shiny silver and flakes off, the service line is lead.

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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.

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Source: Cleveland Water

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.

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Source: PVC Pipe Supplies

PVC Pipes

- Plastic
- A magnet will not stick to them

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Other

Internal Plumbing Material (Under Kitchen Sink): Plastic Copper Lead Galvanized PEX Cast Iron

Please return the survey as soon as possible to the City of Girard City Hall or Inside Water Department or email your response to Gaye Martuccio at gmartuccio@cityofgirardoh.gov. Thank you for your participation!