



Borough of Netcong

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Dear Netcong Water Customer,

After seeing the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and a similar lead contamination issue in Newark, New Jersey, the New Jersey State Legislature has decided to implement a lead service line replacement program. The program is enforced through P.L.2021, Ch. 183, and this law requires all lead and galvanized steel waterlines be accounted for in all public water systems in the State of New Jersey with the intention to be removed and replaced over the course of the next ten (10) years. Please recognize that this is a preemptive prevention plan to remove the types of lines that can in some cases cause lead contamination. This does not mean that your home or business has unacceptable levels of lead contamination.

The Borough of Netcong is in Phase 1 of this process which consists of identifying what type of water service lines all Netcong water customers have entering their homes or businesses. This process is going to require the cooperation of all public water customers. There is a survey and flyer on the Borough of Netcong website (www.netcong.org) with directions on what is needed from the public. The survey and flyer will also both be available on the Borough's Facebook page. Please also see the flyer enclosed in the envelope with this letter. If you would like a paper survey please call (973) 347-0252 x118, or stop by Borough Hall. If you have any difficulty identifying the requested information, you will be able to make an appointment with a Borough representative to assist you in this process. Please see this letter's heading for Borough contact information. We are asking all residents to please complete the inspection and online survey by Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Again, please remember that this is a new state law that affects all New Jersey Municipalities. Netcong currently has no actionable levels of lead contamination.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

The Netcong Water Department.



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Service Line Identification

Step 1: Locate the incoming water service line

The incoming water service line is typically found in the basement, main floor, or crawlspace of your house or business. The pipe can come up from the floor, as shown in the image to the right, or it can also come out of the side wall. Your shut-off valve and water meter are typically installed on this line after the point of entry.

Step 2: Identify a testing area and conduct the inspection of your water service line

To conduct the inspection properly you will need a penny (preferably somewhat shiny), a magnet, and a key, flathead screwdriver, quarter, or some other hard metal material with which you can scratch the surface of the pipe. Once you have located your incoming water service line, use your hard metal object and scratch the surface of the pipe between the shut-off valve and the point of entry. DO NOT use a knife, and be very careful not to puncture a hole in the pipe. You merely want to scratch the surface of it. After scratching the surface, compare the color of the pipe to the penny, and attempt to stick the magnet to the pipe.

Step 3: Use your test results to identify the material of the pipe

The Scratch Test

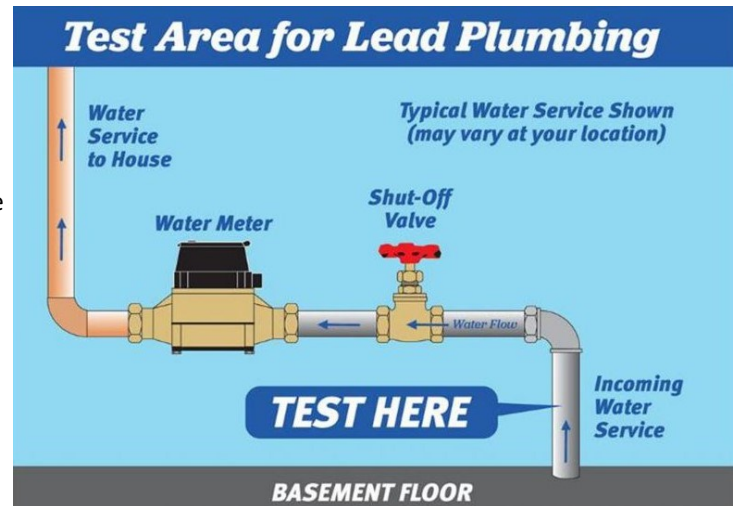
After performing the scratch test, if the color of the pipe matches the penny, then your pipe is a copper material. If the pipe is a silver or grey color, try to determine whether or not it is shiny. If the pipe becomes shiny after being scratched, then it is likely a lead pipe. If the color remains a dull grey then it is likely a galvanized steel pipe.

The Magnet test

Regardless of color, just to be safe, attempt to stick a magnet to the pipe. A magnet will not stick to a copper or lead pipe. If the magnet sticks to your water service pipe, then your pipe is likely made of galvanized steel.

Step 4: Complete the online survey

Please go to the Borough of Netcong's website (www.netcong.org) and complete the online survey with the results of your test. Please be sure to take a picture of your test results as the survey will ask you to upload a photo. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Copper



Lead



Galvanized Steel

