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August 14, 2024

Union Bridge Property Owner
Union Bridge, MD 21791

Property Owners of The Town of Union Bridge,

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has mandated that all water supply systems under its jurisdiction comply with the January 15, 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Accordingly, the Town of Union Bridge is obligated to fulfill certain requirements of the revisions. The first action is to develop an inventory of every water service pipe in the Town's water system, which must be submitted to MDE by October of 2024. Water service pipes begin at the connection with the water main in the street and extend to its point of entry to the home or business, which includes the private portion owned and controlled by the property owner. Identification of the pipe material entering the building provides important information regarding the privately owned portion of the water service pipe material and is necessary to be included in the inventory database. Service pipes consist of a number of different materials. Typical service pipe materials are copper, galvanized steel, plastic, brass and sometimes lead.

In order for the Town to comply with MDE's Service Line Inventory requirement, we are asking property owners to identify your water service pipe material as it enters your home or business, typically located in the basement. There are simple ways to identify the types of service pipes. Below is a guide to identify the service pipe material.

*Copper is not magnetic and is generally the color of a penny.

*Galvanized steel pipe is magnetic and is generally a dull gray color.

*Plastic / PVC – is not magnetic and is generally black but can also be White in color.

*Brass pipe is not magnetic and is generally reddish brown to a light silvery color.

*Lead Service Lines are not magnetic and are generally a dull gray color and are very soft. You can identify lead by carefully scratching it with a key or a coin. If the pipe is made of lead, the scratched area will turn a bright silver color.

If you are able to determine your type of service pipe material, please send a photograph of the service pipe and your identification of the material along with your name, address and location of the service line in your building to ubservicelines@gmail.com so we can update our records. If unable to use email you can also bring the information to the Town Hall. Please supply all information by September 23, 2024.

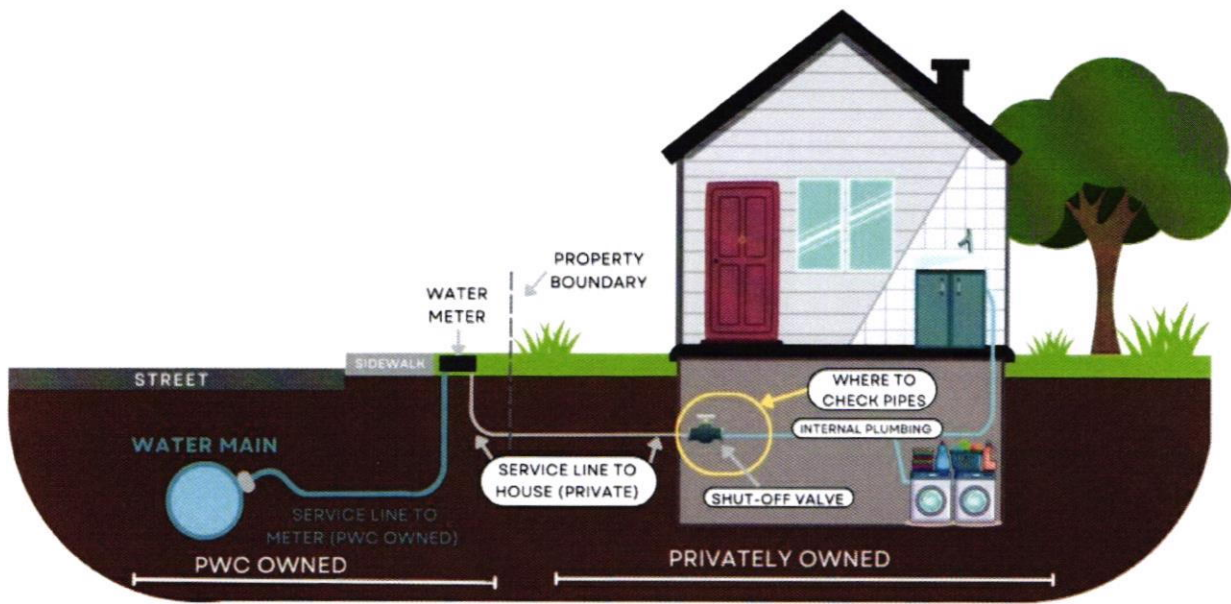
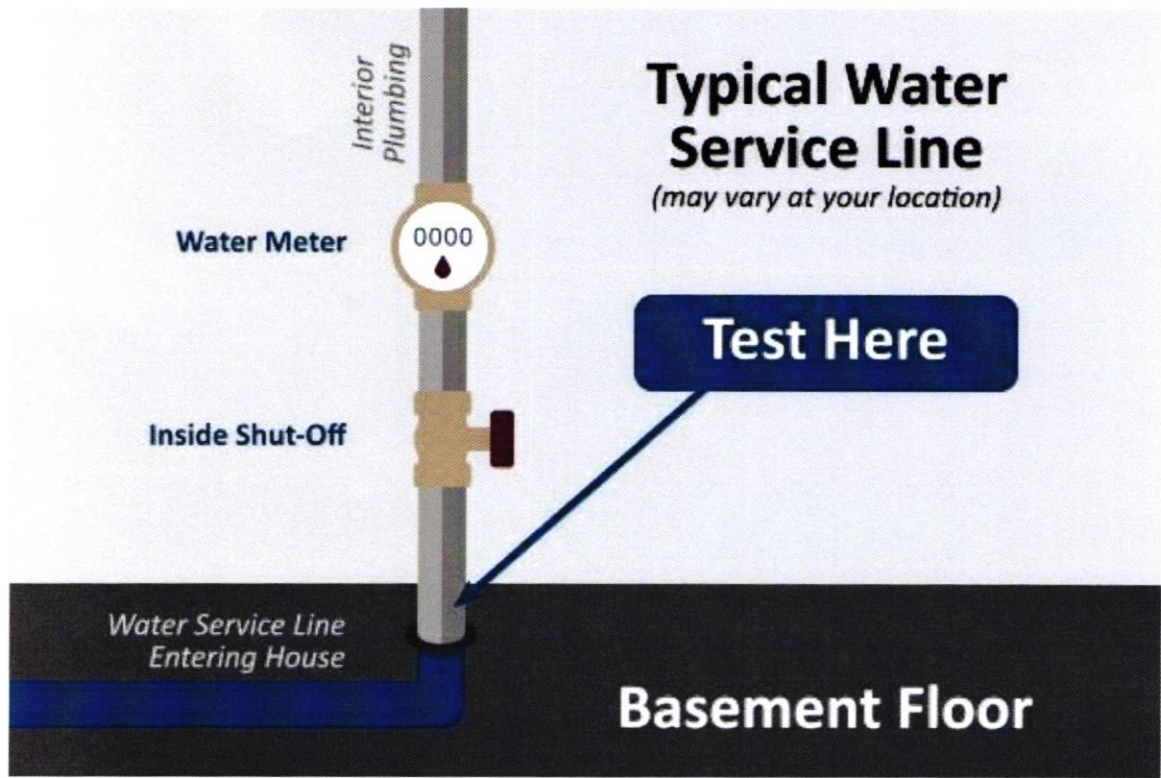
If you are unsure or unable to identify your service pipe material, send us an email and we will make an appointment with you to have a staff member assist in the determination.



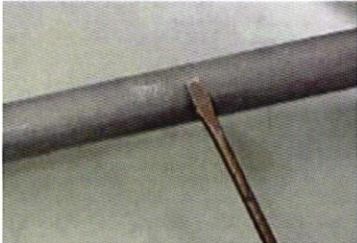
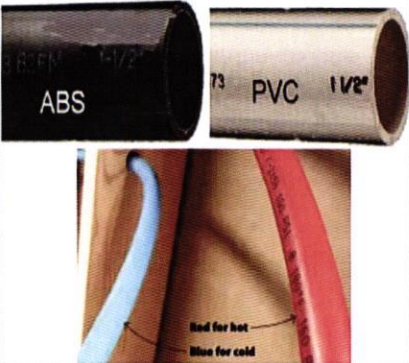
If you have questions, please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 or Councilmember Bret Grossnickle at 443-340-9266.

Sincerely,

Perry L. Jones Jr.
Mayor

Cc: Town Council



LEAD PIPES	COPPER PIPES	GALVANIZED PIPES	PLASTIC PIPES
			
<p>Scratch Test – if the pipe is soft and easily scraped and the scratched area is shiny & silver, your service line is lead</p>	<p>Scratch Test- if the scratched area is copper colored, like a penny, it is a copper service line</p>	<p>Scratch Test – if the scratched area remains gray, the service line is galvanized steel</p>	<p>Scratch Test – if the scratched area remains white or black or red or blue and nonmetallic / dull, the service line is plastic</p>
<p>Magnet Test – a magnet will NOT stick to a lead pipe</p>	<p>Magnet Test – a magnet will NOT stick to a copper pipe</p>	<p>Magnet Test – a magnet WILL stick to a galvanized steel pipe</p>	<p>Magnet Test – a magnet will NOT stick to a plastic pipe</p>

EMAIL SAMPLE – INFORMATION TO INCLUDE

Water Line Inventory Info @ 104 W. Locust Street - Message (HT... Search

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To: ubserviceslines@gmail.com

Cc:

Subject: Water Line Inventory Info @ 104 W. Locust Street

Water Line Photo at 104 W. Locust St..pdf 250 KB

Owner Name : John and Jane Doe

Service Address: 104 W. Locust St., Union Bridge, MD 21791

Contact Phone Number : 410-775-2711

Pipe Material (Copper, Galvanized steel, Plastic, or potential lead): Copper

Attach photo showing water service line coming through wall.
(insert picture or attach to this email)