



Borough of Mercersburg

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Re: DEP Regulations: Water Service Line Material

Borough of Mercersburg Water and Sewer Customers,

The Borough of Mercersburg needs your help to remain in compliance with new Department of Environmental Protection regulations. For more information can be found at [SLI Q and A Document for External Web.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#). Please help us by identifying the material of your water service line entering your home or business. The water service line is usually located in the basement or close to the water meter. For most customers, the service line could be one of following types of materials, copper, brass, plastic (PVC), galvanized steel, or lead.

Please locate the water service line, using an object (penny or dime) scratch a small area of the pipe to expose the material. Section A on page 2 provides a photo of each specified material and Section B provides a brief description of each to assist you in identifying your water service line material. Please submit Section C at the bottom of page 3 via email, USPS mail, or in person by **September 1, 2024**.

If you are unable to submit any of the requested information, please contact our office between operational business hours Monday thru Friday, 8:00AM – 4:00PM to schedule an appointment with the Public Works Department

Thank you,

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Water Service Line Materials

Compare your water service line to the examples of possible materials in section A. If you are unsure, Section B provides a brief description of each material. Find your water service line which is located near your main water shut-off valve, typically located in your basement, garage, or crawl space. If the line is corroded with dirt, please scratch away the dirt with a penny/dime to reveal the true color.

SECTION A

A



LEAD

B



COPPER

C



**GALVANIZED
STEEL**

D



BRASS

E



PVC



SECTION B

- **Lead** – a magnet will not stick to lead, galvanized is the only material a magnet would stick to out of the options provided. You will be able to easily scratch away the dirt and reveal a shiny silver color
- **Copper** – if your pipe reveals a reddish-brown or gold rustic color similar to the color of a penny.
- **Galvanized Steel** – dark metallic color and a magnet will stick to the pipe.
- **Brass** – generally has a lighter yellowish gold finish with a brighter shine
- **PVC** – also known as polyvinyl chloride plastic will most likely be white or dark gray in color, usually has technical specifications printed on the side for verification

SECTION C

Please complete all requested information, and return to the Borough office via email, USPS mail, or in person by **September 1, 2024**. The Borough of Mercersburg appreciates your cooperation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Water Service Line Material (circle one):

A B C D E

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Submit By Email:
boroughoffice@mercensburg.org

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