

# VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY



The Village of Whitehall is in the process of conducting a lead service line (LSL) inventory of all water service laterals in the Village's water system, which must be completed by *October 2024*. This LSL inventory is required as part of the Revised Lead and Copper Rule that has been approved by the EPA and the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH). The goal of the inventory is to determine areas in the water distribution system that contain lead components so that these lead service lines can be targeted for replacement. To determine which type of water service line you have on your property, you can perform the Materials Verification Test described below.

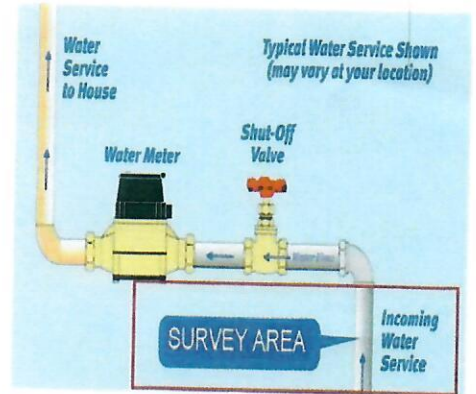
## SELF-INVENTORY PROCEDURE:

### TOOLS REQUIRED:

- A penny or flathead screwdriver
- A refrigerator magnet

### INSTRUCTIONS:

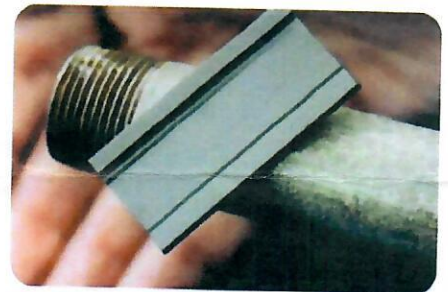
1. Find the water service line entering the building (typically located in the basement); the water meter is installed on this line. Look at the section of pipe between the wall of the building and the water meter. Please refer to the diagram on the right.
2. Gently scratch the surface of the pipe with a penny or flathead screwdriver. If the pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal first. NOTE: Do not use a knife or other sharp object.
3. Place your magnet on the exposed metal of the pipe. You will then evaluate which of the three categories your pipe falls under:



**LEAD PIPE:** If the scratched area of pipe is shiny silver and flakes off, the service line is lead. A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe. Tapping the lead pipe with a penny will produce a dull noise.



**COPPER PIPE:** If the scratched area of pipe is copper like a penny, the service line is copper. A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe. Tapping the copper pipe with a penny will produce a metallic ringing noise.



**GALVANIZED STEEL PIPE:** If the scratched area of pipe remains dull gray, the service line is galvanized steel. A magnet will stick to a galvanized steel pipe. Tapping a galvanized steel pipe with a penny will produce a metallic ringing noise.