

## Do you have lead piping? Get FREE testing!

BCWSA's water mains are virtually lead-free. However, your water service line running from the water main in the street to your home may be made of lead.




BCWSA is looking for customers with lead service lines to participate in lead and copper sampling where customers can have their water tested at no charge. Following the 4 easy steps below you can determine the material of your service line and interior plumbing. If you discover you have lead, call 215-343-2538 x112 to make arrangements to participate in the Lead and Copper Sampling Program.

1. You will need a key or a coin and a strong refrigerator magnet. Locate the water service line coming in to your home. Typically, this will be found in the basement. A valve and water meter are installed on the pipe after the point of entry.

2. The portion of the pipe coming through the wall can be tested to verify the service lateral material. The portion of the pipe after the water meter can be tested to verify the interior plumbing material. If the pipe is covered or painted, you will need to expose a small area of the piping.

3. Carefully scratch the pipe (like you would a lottery ticket) with a key or coin. Take care not to make a hole in the pipe.

4. Try sticking the magnet to the pipe, then use the table to the right to identify your piping material.

	Color of Scratched Area	Magnet Sticks	Piping Material
Copper in Color (like a penny)		No	Copper
Dull Gray		Yes	Steel
Shiny Silver		No	Lead



If you find that you have a lead service line or interior lead plumbing, please contact us at 215-343-2538 x112. We will make arrangements for a BCWSA employee to come out and verify your piping material determination. If it is verified that you have lead plumbing, you will be given a sampling kit and instructions on how to collect water samples. BCWSA will submit these samples to a certified water testing laboratory and you will be provided with the results from your location.