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# North Prairie Regional Water District Lead Service Line Inventory



Dear Member:

The North Prairie Regional Water District is participating in a comprehensive lead service line inventory. This inventory is part of an initiative mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) to document the type of service line for all water customers across the country.

The letter you received earlier in 2024 was the first phase of the process. Either the material making up the service line (private - curb stop to building) has not been specifically identified and/or the service line (public - water system main line to the curb stop) has not been identified. Unless both components can be identified, the categorization defaults to “unknown”. Just because the service line is categorized as “unknown” does not automatically mean that there is a problem with the service line. However, to comply with this reporting requirement, these notices must be sent out indicating that the entirety of the service line to your property is unable to be identified at this time. The Materials Verification Test page that was sent in the first mailing is on the back for reference. The complete 3-page mailer originally sent will be available on our website if needed. We thank you for your participation!

# Materials Verification Test



A service line is a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building. To find out if you have copper, lead, galvanized steel, or plastic service on your property, you can perform a material verification test on the water service line where it connects to the water meter to determine of the service line.

You will need a key or coin and a magnet

1. Find the water meter on your property, typically in the basement, mechanical room, or in a wall panel.
2. Look for the pipe that comes through the outside wall and into the meter.
3. Use a key or coin to gently scratch the pipe to expose the color of the metal. Be careful not to puncture the pipe. If the pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal first.
4. Take a picture.
5. Complete the form either online or by mailing the enclosed form.

## What Type Of Pipe



**Copper:** A brown that turns the color of a bright penny when scratched. A magnet will not stick. This is **NOT** a lead service line.



**Lead:** A soft, dull, silver-grey color that turns shiny when scratched. A magnet will not stick. This **IS** a lead service line.



**Galvanized Steel:** A dull, silver-grey color that remains dull when scratched. A magnet will stick. This is **NOT** a lead service line.



**Plastic:** A smooth pipe of various colors (white, blue, black, green) and not magnetic. This is **NOT** a lead service line.