Water Service Pipe Material Identification Guide

	Lead	Galvanized Iron	Copper	Brass
Outer Appearance	Dull Gray, Bendable; Often curves between wall/floor and valve	Dark Gray or black; Straight rigid pipe	Brown; Can have green corrosion spots	Brown; Can have green corrosion spots
Threads at connections	None	Yes	None	Yes
Scratch Test (coin or key)	Shiny Silver	Hard to scratch, remains gray	Copper, like a penny	Gold Color
Magnet Test	Does not Stick	Magnet WILL Stick	Does not stick	Does not stick

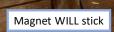
Lead



Galvanized Iron







Copper





Copper is colored like a penny but may have spots of green corrosion

Brass



