



# Borough of Chatham

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Dear Resident,

As part of an effort to meet new stringent requirements related to lead in water service lines, Chatham's Department of Public Works is compiling an inventory of all water lines servicing homes in the Borough.

This inventory is a first step in a 10-year project to identify and replace lines comprised of lead or galvanized materials, which is a requirement for all water utilities in the state under new regulations passed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Please note that the Borough regularly tests its water for lead and other contamination and has had no identified issues in the past ten years. This inventory is simply part of an effort that every water utility in New Jersey must undertake.

We are asking residents to locate the water service lines in their homes, and then indicate whether the service line appears to be lead, galvanized iron, copper, or brass.

You may submit this information here: [tinyurl.com/Lead-Line-Survey](https://tinyurl.com/Lead-Line-Survey). Alternatively, you may the information to us at [publicworks@chathamborough.org](mailto:publicworks@chathamborough.org) In the email, please include:

- Contact Name
- Property Address
- Contact phone number (optional), and
- Observed service line material, including photos if possible

Your service line is likely located in your basement or ground floor near your water meter. If you have trouble locating it, we can provide assistance. For this help or if you have any questions about this program, please call Chatham's DPW at 973-635-5242.

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Water Service Pipe Material Identification				
	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 Shine - Like a Penny	Gold Color
Magnet Test	Does Not Stick	Magnet WILL Stick	Does Not Stick	Does Not Stick

