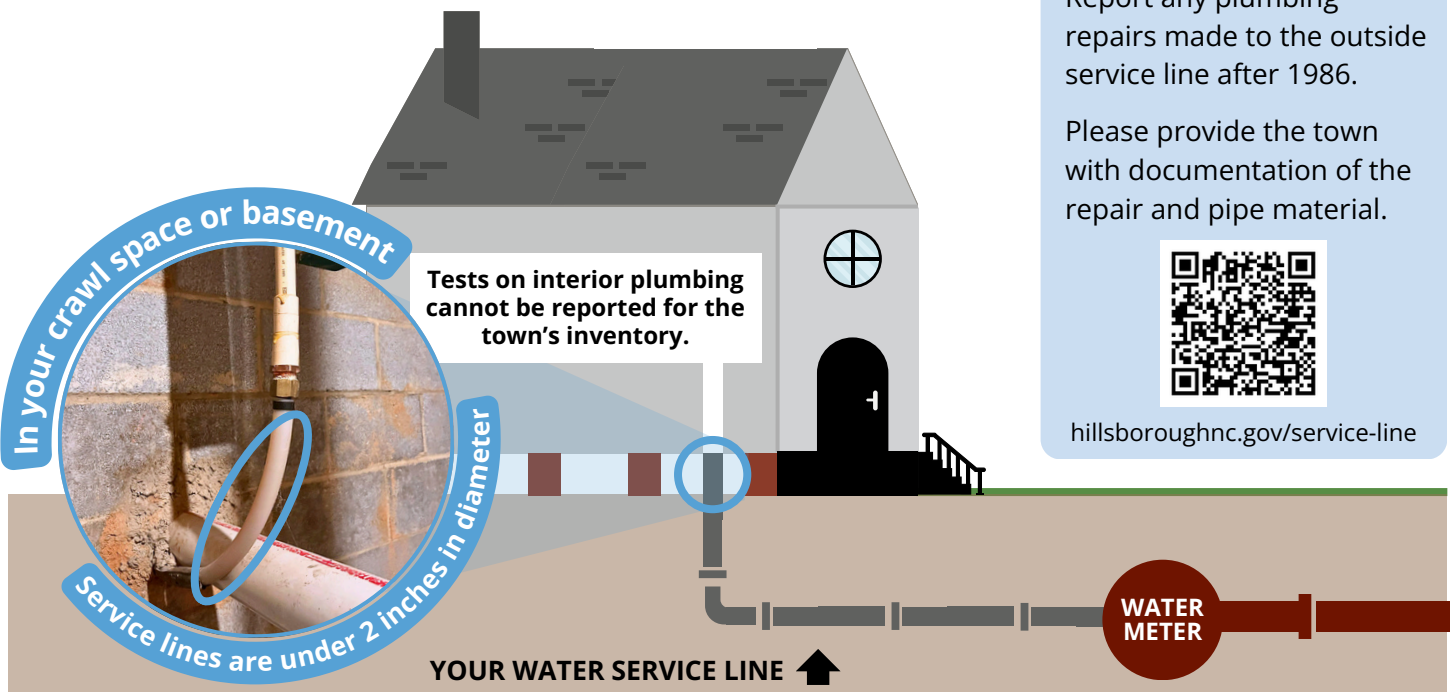


HOW TO CHECK YOUR WATER SERVICE LINE

The town's water mains are not made of lead. However, if your home or building was built before 1987, the service line running from your water meter to the building may be lead.

WHERE TO TEST



Built before 1987?

Report any plumbing repairs made to the outside service line after 1986.

Please provide the town with documentation of the repair and pipe material.



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SIMPLE, NO-COST TESTS

Visual Test

Visually inspect your pipe. Is it plastic or metallic? Plastic pipe may be white, black or blue in color. If it is plastic, take a photo of your pipe and report your inspection to the town.

If the pipe is metallic, perform a scratch test.

Scratch Test

Use a key or coin to scratch the surface of the pipe. What color do you see where you scratched the pipe? If you see a brown or gold color like the color of a penny, then your pipe is copper or brass. Take a photo of your pipe and report your inspection to the town.

If you see a silver color or no visible scratch, perform a magnet test.

Magnet Test

Hold a strong magnet against the side of the pipe. If the magnet sticks to your pipe, then your pipe is galvanized steel. If the magnet does not stick to your pipe, then the pipe is likely lead. Take a picture of your pipe and report your inspection to the town.