

## Where is lead and who's responsible?

Cleveland Water is lead free when it leaves our treatment plants. Our water mains are not made from lead.

Places that may contain lead include the city-owned and customer-owned portions of the service line, and customer's plumbing including copper plumbing joined with high-lead solder, and faucets. Faucets made after 2014 must have less than 0.25% lead. Those made between 1986 and 2014 may have up to 8% lead. Before 1986, there were no federal regulations on lead levels in plumbing components.

The city-owned service line connects the water main to our curb stop which turns on/off water coming into your home. The curb stop is usually located in the sidewalk or tree lawn.

The customer-owned service line extends from the curb stop into your basement or crawl space. You should perform the magnet and penny test where your service line enters your home before the water meter.

Our orthophosphate addition forms a protective coating inside water mains, service lines, your home's plumbing, and faucets regardless of the material type and age. This prevents water from coming in contact with the metal, reducing the likelihood of lead dissolving into the water.

