

HI STUDENTS!

We need your help! Do you know where your water comes from? That's right! There are pipes that bring water into your home. **But... do you know what that pipe is made of?** That's where we need your help!

Here are the tools you need to accomplish this task:

A Parent.
You can't do this alone!



A
flashlight



A
magnet



A pair of
gloves



A flat head
screwdriver



Wash hands
when done!



WATER SERVICE LINE MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Find the water service line entering your property through your basement or utility closet. **Look for the pipe that comes into your house** and connects to the water meter.

Wearing your gloves, use the screwdriver to scratch the pipe material. If the pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal first.

If the service line is gray or silver, use the magnet and see if the magnet sticks to the pipe. **If it scratches easily and the magnet does not stick, you may have a lead service line.** See chart at right for pipe material information.

Help the city identify service lines by scanning the QR code and confirming your service line material by following the directions on the Service Line Self-Identification Form.

For questions, contact the City of Harvey, IL (708) 331-0032.



Copper: Brownish orange. Not magnetic. Scratches easily. Reveals shiny surface.



Lead: Dull, silver-gray. Not magnetic. Scratches easily. Reveals shiny surface when scratched.



Galvanized: Dull, silver-gray. Magnetic. Does not scratch easily or is difficult to scratch.



Plastic (HDPE, PVC, PEX): White, gray, black, or blue plastic. Not magnetic. Does not scratch or is difficult to scratch.

Great job! The last step is to turn this into your teacher so you can get a point for your grade or class. Remember, even if you couldn't discover your pipe material, you can make an appointment with the water utility by calling (708) 331-0032—and that counts too!

Thank you for your help in your community!!!

AT A GLANCE: How to Report Your Service Line Material to the City

- 1 Online:** Scan the QR code or type the link to fill out the City of Harvey Service Line Self Identification Form: <https://form.jotform.com/243396823239162>
- 2 Mail:** Please detach and fill out the Water Service Line Material Reporting Form below, then mail using the provided return envelope.
- 3 In-person:** Contact the City of Harvey at **(708) 331-0032** to schedule an appointment if you'd like a utility representative to visit your home and identify your service line material.



If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to schedule an appointment for a utility representative to come identify your service line in-person, please contact the City of Harvey at:



Call: (708) 331-0032

We are happy to assist you!



WATER SERVICE LINE MATERIAL REPORTING FORM

To report your water service line material by mail, please complete the form below and return using the enclosed envelope.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Water Service Line Material (Please refer to the other side of the page for information and instructions; then, select your water service line material):



☐ Lead



☐ Galvanized Steel



☐ Copper



☐ PVC (Plastic)

☐ Unsure (If you have questions, please contact the City of Harvey.)

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR MISSION
TO UPHOLD A THRIVING COMMUNITY!**

