



<u>PLASTIC</u>	<u>GALVANIZED</u>	<u>LEAD</u> ←	<u>COPPER</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Non-magnetic</li> <li>✓ Usually, blue or black but may be white</li> <li>✓ You may also know it as HDPE (high-density polyethylene), PVC (polyvinyl chloride), PEP (polyethylene pipe)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plastic pipe typically has lettering along the length of the pipe</i></p>  <p><i>Plastics are one of the most widely used and recognizable materials in the world</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Magnetic</li> <li>✓ Dull gray; may become rusty looking due to oxidization</li> <li>✓ Also known as iron or steel</li> </ul> <p><i>A galvanized iron service can look very different when new...</i></p>  <p><i>...as compared to one that has become 'rusted' (oxidized) over time</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Non-magnetic</li> <li>✓ Dull, silver-gray color</li> <li>✓ Soft and easily scratched; area scratched becomes shiny like a new nickel</li> </ul> <p><i>Scratched lead becomes very reflective</i></p>  <p><i>Lead service line</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Non-magnetic</li> <li>✓ New copper looks like a shiny new penny; old copper will become shiny when scratched</li> <li>✓ May have a blue-green or brown-green discoloration due to oxidization</li> </ul> <p><i>A new penny and new copper – the similarities are striking</i></p>  <p><i>Older copper may become discolored due to oxidation</i></p> 

***Water lines to be identified are customer owned and maintained.***

**Please see this visual as a guide to determine if you own a Poly, Galvanized Iron, Lead, or Copper line.**

**\*\*If you question your line, email a picture to [ruralwater@mncable.net](mailto:ruralwater@mncable.net) along with WATERLINE ACCT # \_\_\_\_ in the subject line. Include in the photo, the waterline coming into the house.**

**Please also include your contact information.**