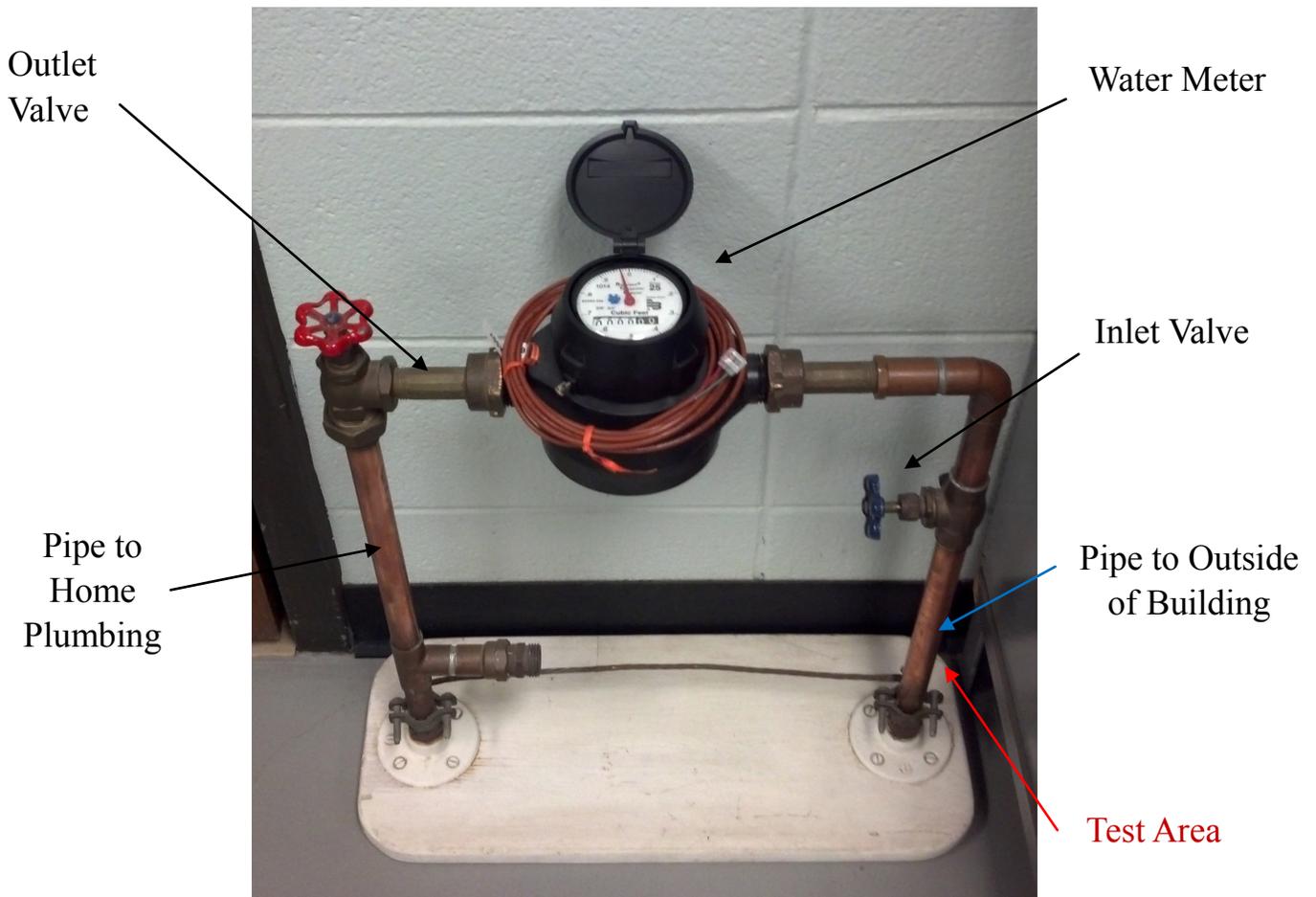


How to Identify a Lead Service Line

Lead service line materials were installed for many years, and, the use of these materials has been recognized to present adverse health risks. Although many of these services have been removed from the City of Rhinelander system and replaced with acceptable materials, the Water Utility encourages our customers to complete the following procedure to identify locations where these materials may still exist. There are three simple steps used routinely to identify these materials:

Tools Needed: Flathead Screwdriver & Refrigerator Magnet

1. *Locate the water service line coming into the building. This is typically found in the basement. An "inlet valve" and the water meter are installed on the pipe after the point of entry.*
2. *Identify a test area on the pipe between the point where it comes into the building and the inlet valve. If the pipe is covered or wrapped, expose a small area of metal.*
3. *Use the flat edge of a screwdriver or other tool to scratch through any corrosion that may have built up on the outside of the pipe.*



Lead Pipe

If the scraped area is shiny and silver, your service line is lead. A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.



Copper Pipe

If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper. A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.

Galvanized Steel Pipe

If the scraped area remains a dull gray, and a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.



Type of Pipe	Magnetic?
Lead	No
Copper	No
Galvanized	Yes

If a lead pipe material is the observed result with this testing, or there is need for further assistance, please contact the Utility at 715-365-8600 x 1. Further inspection of the service can then be scheduled to identify and address removal of lead pipe materials as desired.