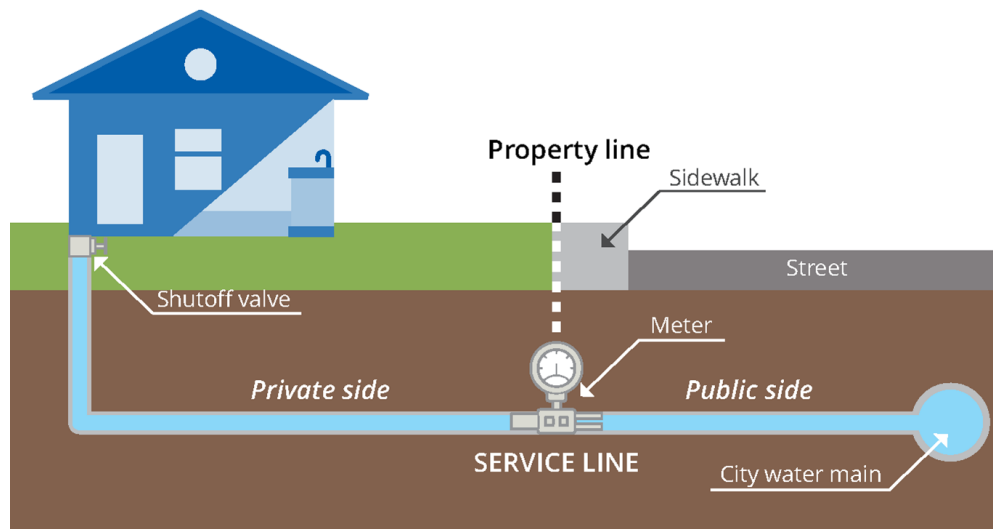


Ensuring No Lead Water Pipes are in Monroe

In 2024, the City of Monroe completed Service Line Inventory which includes the material identification of city-owned and privately-owned service lines. A **service line** is the pipe that carries water from the City's water main (pipe) in the street to your home or building. This inventory informs Monroe water customers and health agencies about service line materials and demonstrates that no lead service lines are present in the water system.

Service Line



Types of Service Lines

- **Public service lines:** those that are city-owned. The portion of pipe from the city water main to the meter box.
- **Private service lines:** those that are located on private property. The portion of pipe from the meter box to the entrance of a building.

Service Line Inventory

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently revised its Lead and Copper Rule to reduce exposure of lead through drinking water nationwide. The service line inventory is part of our ongoing work to meet those regulations.

Under guidance from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City of Monroe examined historical water system records and performed visual inspections of all service lines in Monroe at each water meter.

Based on visual inspection, the City found no lead service lines in these inspections.

OHA has concluded that service lines installed after 1985 are considered non-lead, since this is when the lead ban was enacted in the state. Per Oregon policy, if a water system has no current or historical records or knowledge of public lead service line use, a private galvanized line is classified as non-lead.

If lead is present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant people and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Monroe continues to provide high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in private plumbing components. The best way to remove risks from lead in water is to replace and lead plumbing and any lead materials that come into contact with your drinking water within your home.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact City Hall at 541-847-5175