



TOWN OF BRIDGER

108 South D Street
Bridger, MT 59014
(406) 662-3677

July 1, 2024

ACTION REQUIRED

Dear Water Customer,

New Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations require the Town of Bridger to compile a water service line material type inventory for all service lines connected to the Town's water. Your help is required to identify the material type of the water service line as it enters your home or business.

Included with this mailer is a test form. The test has instructions on how to determine and report the service line material type. **Please locate the water service line where it enters your home, perform the test, and return the results of the test to the Bridger Town Office in one of the ways noted on the form. The deadline to have the test completed and the results returned to the Town Office is September 2, 2024.** The test and results reporting process should take less than 10 minutes.

If you are unable to perform the test, please provide your contact information on the enclosed test form and a Town representative will contact you to schedule a date and time to inspect and test your service line. The Town's inspection and testing will require access to the building or residence by Town staff during normal business hours. Town of Bridger inspections and testing will be scheduled between July 15 and August 29.

If you have any questions about performing the test or completing the form, please contact the office at (406) 662-3677. Thank you for your participation and assistance in collecting this critical information.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Sweet
Town Clerk / Treasurer

Randy Novakovich
Public Works Director

Enclosed are:

Instructions for testing service line material
Test Form – to be returned to the office

TEST INSTRUCTION AND EXAMPLE

Items Needed:

Flathead Screwdriver or Similar Metal Tool,
and a Magnet (not included)

First, locate the water service line coming into the building, see pictures below. You will typically find it located in the basement, mechanical room, or in a wall panel.

Identify a test area on the pipe **between the point where it comes into your building.** If the pipe is covered or wrapped, expose a small area of metal.

Galvanized

A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.



Copper

The color of a copper penny.



Plastic

White, rigid pipe that is joined to water supply piping with a clamp.



Lead

A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin. Use a magnet - strong magnets will not cling to lead pipes.



Use a flat edge of a screwdriver or other similar tool to scratch through any corrosion that may have built up on the outside of the pipe.

- If the scraped area is shiny and silver, your service line is lead. A magnet will not stick to a lead 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.
- If the scraped area is brass in color, like a trumpet, your service line is brass. A magnet will not stick to brass.
- If the scraped area remains a dull gray, and a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.
- The service may be plastic, HDPE (soft, black ribbon may peel off when scraped) or some other material type, PVC (usually white), or CPVC (off-white/yellowish).

If you are uncertain, please 1) take a photo of the water service line coming into the building and include it with the test form or 2) indicate that you would like to schedule an inspection from the Public Works Department.

TEST FORM

Please read the entire form and the test instructions and example carefully before filling out this form. This form may be completed and returned to the Town of Bridger in one of four following methods:

- 1) Fill out this hard copy of the form and mail it back to the Town, you could include it with your monthly water bill payment: 108 S D Street Bridger, MT 59014
- 2) E-mail the information to clerk@bridger-mt.com
- 3) Drop off in the drop-box in the alley behind town hall.

If you own more than one property, please complete a test form for each property you own.

Please provide the following information:

- 1) Your street address: _____
- 2) Approximately what year was your service line installed? _____
- 3) What is the color of the scraped pipe? (silver, copper, brass, gray, black or other) _____

- 4) Does a magnet stick to the pipe? (circle one) Yes No Slightly
- 5) What is the material of the pipe? (lead, copper, brass, galvanized steel, plastic, HDPE/poly or other) _____

- 6) Do you know the materials of the water lines *within* your home? If known: (optional)
 - Plastic (HDPE or PEX)
 - Copper
 - Other (please specify) _____

The following information is optional:

If you are unable to perform the test please schedule an inspection by providing your preferred method of contact information:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

If unsure as to the material, please submit a photo with your survey.

Your time and participation are greatly appreciated!