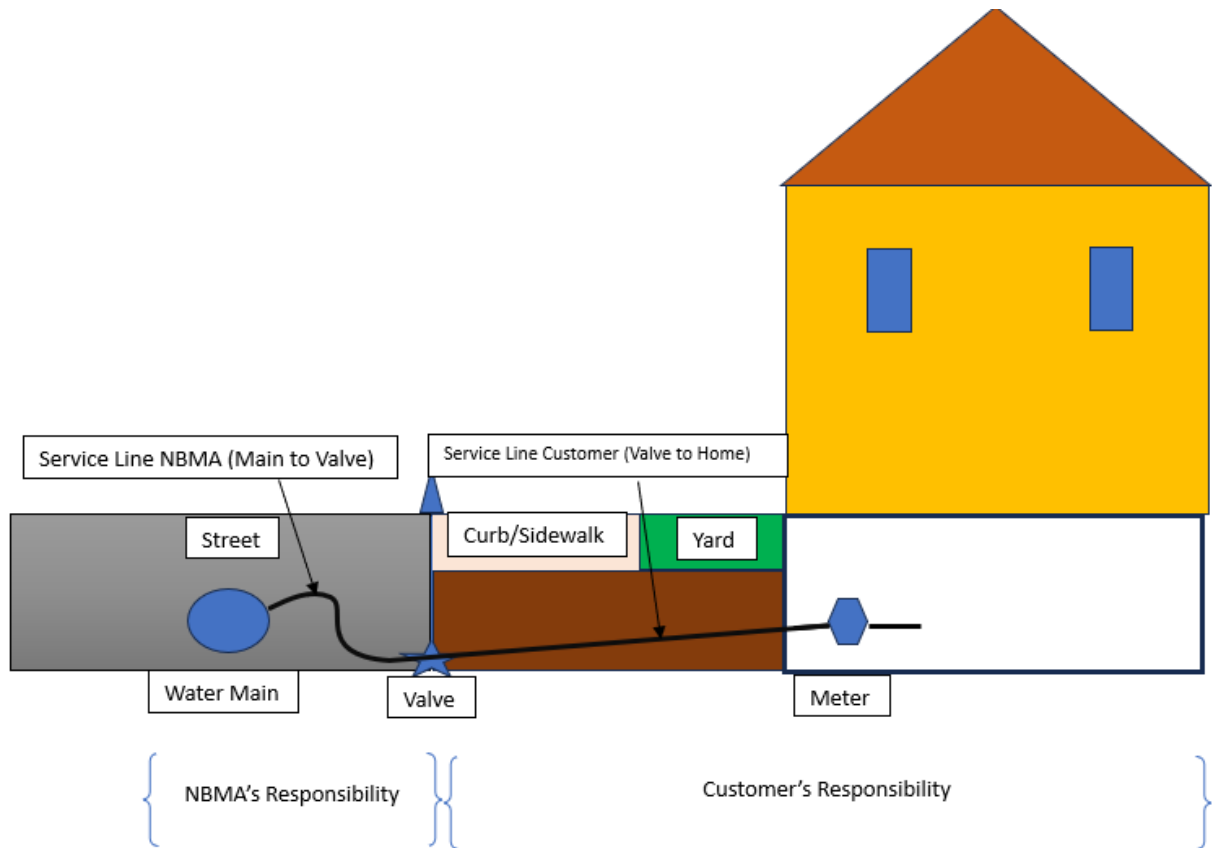


The Northampton Borough Municipal Authority (NBMA) is continually committed to providing their customers with safe drinking water. Lead is a common element found throughout the environment in air, soil, and water. **The good news is that the source water NBMA treats is free from Lead.** However, lead can come from materials in public water systems including service lines, solders to join pipes, fittings and even household fixtures.

Recent changes to the Federal Lead and Copper Rule require all public water systems to inventory service line materials. Service lines are the pipes that connect a water main to your home or business. Whereas NBMA has records of service lines to the valve, it does not have or has incomplete records from the valve to your meter inside your home. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to identify what type of plumbing material this is.



You can go to the lowest level of your home, usually the basement, and locate your meter. The pipe coming through the foundation is what we need. [You can take a picture of it and email it to service@nbma.org](mailto:service@nbma.org) (include your name, address, and phone number). You can also use the diagram on the next page to help identify the type of material you have:



Or watch this video for more information (Courtesy of New York State)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcO5FCE9Vfw>

What We Have Done:

It's important to remember that even if you find that you have any source of lead, NBMA's ongoing corrosion control treatment helps minimize any leaching of lead into the water. Since 1991, NBMA has been compliant with the Federal Lead and Copper Rule which includes corrosion control and testing for lead and copper every three years. NBMA picks at least thirty homes throughout the system that meet certain criteria and test for lead and copper. **AT NO TIME** has the lead or copper exceeded any action level.

Also, since the 1980's, NBMA has conducted an internal lead abatement program consisting of upgrading system service materials whenever there is a main repair or replacement or a service line repair/replacement.

What We Are Doing:

Currently, NBMA is in the process of collecting data that the customers are sending to us, scanning and uploading internal records compiled by our distribution crew, and continuing to comply with the Lead and Copper Rule. This will continue to be an ongoing, fluid document. Check back here for frequent updates.

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What you can do if your concerned about lead:

1. The simplest way to protect yourself from any lead in your drinking water is to simply flush the cold water at the faucet for 2 to 3 minutes. This way you ensure you are getting fresh water right from the water main. Remember, lead contamination occurs at the service line while the water is sitting for a long period of time. A simple flush of the tap can remedy this.
2. Buy a filter. There are commercially available filters that either go on your faucet or underneath your sink that remove up to 99.9% of lead.
3. Have your water tested. We next test for lead and copper in 2025. IF your house meets certain criteria, we can add you to the list of possible testing sites. Or get your own test done. Below is a list of a few local laboratories.

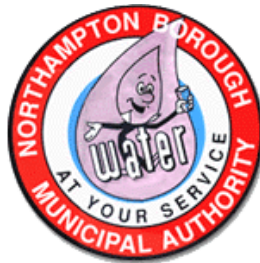
Accredited Labs as listed from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):

Criterion Laboratories Inc
400 Street Rd.
Suite 100
Bensalem, PA 19020
(215) 244-1300

M. J. Reider Associates Inc
107 Angelica St.
Reading, PA 19611
(610) 374-5129

Suburban Testing Laboratories, Inc
1037F MacArthur Rd.
Reading, PA 19605
(610) 375-8378

And as always, you can direct any questions to service@nbma.org.



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