

Frequently Asked Questions

1.) Does Bayview Water and Sewer District have lead or copper in their lines?

No.

Bayview Water & Sewer District does **not** have lead or copper in its District-owned water lines. All water mains and service lines, up to and including the meter, are constructed of approved, non-lead materials and meet drinking water standards.

Any lead or copper materials that may exist would be **on the customer's private service line, on the customer's side of the meter**, which is not owned or maintained by the District.

2.) Will the District be coming to test my water lines?

No.

The District will **not** be coming onto your property to test or inspect your private water lines. The District does not manage the lines on the customer's side of the meter.

The Lead and Copper Rule requires the District to **document service line materials**, not to enter homes or excavate private property. If additional information is needed to complete the inventory, the District may contact customers to **request information**, but any inspection, testing, or work on private service lines is the responsibility of the property owner.

3.) How do I test to know what the composition of my lines are?

You can determine the composition of your **private service line (on your side of the meter)** using one or more of the methods below:

- **Visual inspection:**
Check the pipe where the water line enters your home (often in a basement or crawlspace). Lead pipes are dull gray and soft, copper pipes are reddish-brown, and plastic pipes are typically white, blue, or black.
- **Construction records or plumbing permits:**
Home construction documents, plumbing permits, or inspection records may list the pipe material used.
- **Licensed plumber:**
A licensed plumber can identify pipe materials and confirm what type of service line you have.
- **Water testing (optional):**
If you wish to test your drinking water, certified laboratories can analyze samples for lead or copper. This is optional and not required by the District.

The District does **not** require customers to replace or test their private service lines as part of the Lead and Copper Rule inventory.