

# Tips To Identify Your Service Line

In efforts to maintain regulations within the US Environmental Protection Agency, Rockdale County appreciates cooperation in identifying water service lines within our county service areas. This document provides tips in locating portions of your water service line. Once located, please follow the detailed steps to identify its

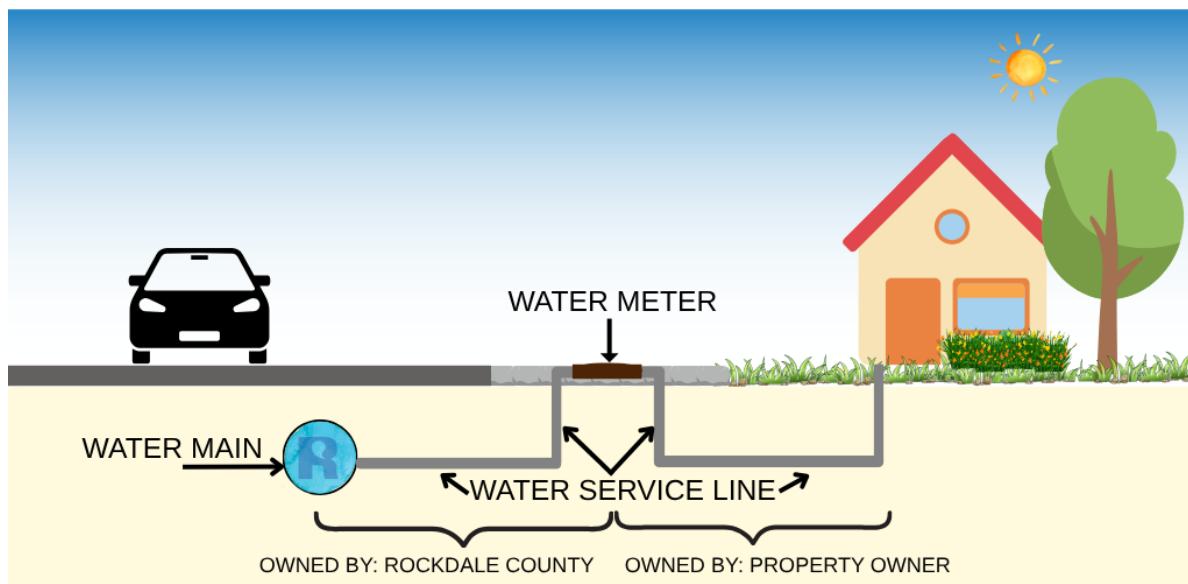
## Locating Your Water Service Line:

The water service line is the pipe that brings water into your home from the public water system. This underground pipe typically enters your home through the wall or floor of your basement, crawl space, or the lowest level of your house or building. A small section of this pipe is usually visible at the point where it enters the structure and connects to your indoor plumbing.

Here are some tips to help locate your water service line:

- The pipe will typically enter on the side of your home or building that is closest to the public water main, which is often located near the street.
- To identify this side, find the water meter, which is generally outside in a meter box near the street or sidewalk in front of your property. The box is installed flush with the ground and has a lid that may look like one of the standard meter box covers used in the area.





## How to Identify the Material of Your Water Service Line:

To determine what material your water service line is made of, follow these simple steps:

1. **Locate the Pipe:** Find the section of the pipe where it enters your home through the wall or floor—this is typically in the basement, crawl space, or lowest level.
2. **Clean and Scratch the Pipe:** Using a coin, key, or flathead screwdriver, gently scratch the surface of the pipe in this area. It's important to do this close to where the pipe enters the building.
3. **Expose the Base Material:** Pipes can often be covered in dirt, paint, or oxidation, so make sure you scratch enough to see the bare metal underneath.

**Observe the Color:** The color of the exposed metal can help you identify the type of pipe material used.

	Gold or Yellow	Brass
	Orange	Copper
	Silver	Lead
	Gray	Galvanized Steel
	Blue Black White	Plastic