

# Service Line Look-up

View our tap records for information about your service line, including what material it is made of and its length. Knowing this information can be helpful in determining the risk of your service line contributing to lead in your water and how long you should flush your plumbing to minimize your lead exposure. Lead service lines were installed prior to 1950.

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## Definitions

These definitions are important for older properties because often these two sections are made of different materials.

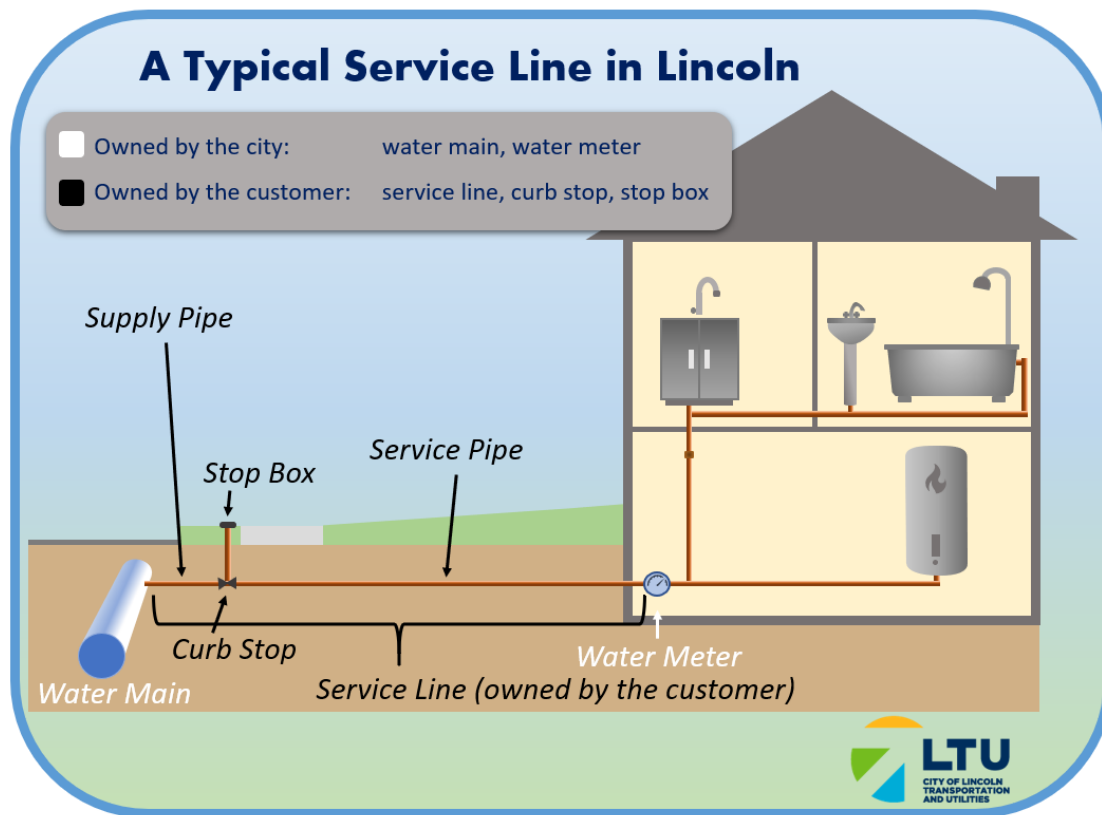
**Service Line**—the pipe that connects the water meter to the city-owned water main pipe near the street. Although this pipe is commonly referred to as the “service line,” it is really comprised of two sections: a “supply pipe” and a “service pipe.”

**Supply Pipe**—the section of pipe between the water main and the curb stop/stop box where the shut-off valve is located.

**Service Pipe**—the section of pipe between the curb stop/stop box and the water meter.

The most common place to find lead pipe in a service line is the supply pipe. Lead “goosenecks” (short, curved sections of lead pipe) can also be found right before and right after the water meter. Lead service lines were mostly discontinued by the mid-1930s, but a small number were still being installed in the 1940s.

**The building’s owner is responsible for the service line.**



### Hire a Plumber

We recommend you use an experienced, licensed plumber to look for and replace lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, or other potential sources of lead. A licensed plumber is required for any service line repair or replacement.

### Instructions

1. Search the database by address, owner, parcel number, or by clicking on a property on the map.
2. If there are records associated with the selected address, they will appear under the heading "TAP Images".
3. Click on all the records labeled "Water" to see the pdf images of our records.
4. If you cannot find your property by address, try finding it on the map. However, some addresses do not have any records associated with them.



It is important to look over all the records listed as many older service lines have been partially or fully replaced and will have additional records indicating this. If the supply line was replaced you may see the words "old tap abandoned" and/or "replacement tap".



Please feel free to call LWS at 402-441-7571 for help interpreting these records.

## Example of an older tap record:

- i** There have been several different styles of records over the years. Below is an example of a common “index card” style record that was used for many decades before being replaced with 8 ½ x 11 inch records. These examples include the original record from 1910 and the records indicating the lead supply pipe was replaced in 1978.

	ADDRESS <b>①</b> [REDACTED] FOLTO 17-446
	<b>②</b> 1/2 CORP. COCK 2 STOP BOX & COCK
	<b>②</b> 41 FT. OF INCH X.S. Lead PIPE
	<b>③</b> 162 FT. OF 3/4 INCH Galv. PIPE
	STOP & WASTE COCK 1 METER SIZE
	METER NO. MAKE
	FROM TAP TO 11 ST. 21' FT.
	FROM STOP BOX TO 11 ST. 20' FT.
	FROM STOP BOX TO LOT LINE 27' FT.
	I CERTIFY THAT— W.C. Miller Licensed Plumber of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska made the installation
of the above—	
DATE <b>④</b> 9/1/10 SIGNED Johnson INSPECTOR	
REMARKS PERMIT NO. 7489	
<b>⑤</b> 2nd. stop-box from alley 36' Lot line 24' Replacement tap old tap abandon 11/30/78 50.15638 WT abandon m. 89. #17204	

- ①** Address
- ②** Supply pipe information including length, diameter, and material type. In this example, there were 41 feet of lead pipe connecting the water main to the curb stop. The diameter is unknown since it is blank.
- ③** Service pipe information—In this example, there were 162 feet of ¾ inch diameter galvanized pipe from curb stop to meter.
- ④** The original date of the record. In this example, the original service line was installed on Sept 1, 1910.
- ⑤** Additional notes from a later date can be added to the original remarks in this section. In this example, the old tap (connection to the water main) was abandoned and replaced on November 30, 1978. Additional records may be available to indicate new materials. See below.

## Example of an older “replacement tap” record:

FORM 37-21	N	Address	Folio 7011-00820			
	ST	3/4	Corp. Cock	3/4	Stop Box & Cock	
	(6)	43	Ft. of	3/4	Inch C Pipe	
	(7)		Ft. of		Inch Pipe	
			Stop & Waste Cock		Meter Size	
			Meter No.		Make	
			Tap	East of East Curb line of So. St. 10 1/2		
			10' Stop Box			6 1/2
			10' Stop Box to Curb on			3 1/2
			I CERTIFY THAT—Hurst Plbg. Licensed Plumber of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, made the installation			
			of the above—			
	(8)	11-30-78	Signed	K. Beetem	Inspector	
		Remarks		Permit No. 4392		
	(9)	Replacement tap. Old tap abandoned on M.O. 17204				

INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON WATER SERVICE					
Address				Folio	7011-0820
Size of Tap	3/4"	Size Supply Pipe	3/4"	Type	(10) Copper
Length of Supply Pipe from Water Main to Stop Box	(11) 43				Feet
Length of Service Pipe from Stop Box to Water Meter	(12) —				Feet
Water Meter No.		Make		Size	
TAP MEASUREMENTS					
Tap	East of East Curb line of So. St.			10 1/2	Feet
Stop Box #1				6 1/2	Feet
Stop Box #1 to Curb on	St.			3 1/2	Feet
I certify that Hurst Plbg. Licensed Plumber of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska has installed the above water service in accordance with all Rules, Regulations and Ordinances of the City Water Department.					
Signed	K. Beetem		Inspector	Date	(13) 11/30/ 1978
Remarks:	SO #15638 *Replacement Tap		Permit No.:	4392	
	Old tap abandoned on MO #17204				

- (6) Supply pipe information—In this example, the original 1910 lead pipe was replaced with 43 feet of 3/4 inch diameter copper pipe.
- (7) Service pipe information—In this example, there is no new information about the service pipe. The original 162 feet of galvanized pipe, indicated on the 1910 record, may still be in place.
- (8) The date of the replacement record—in this example, the lead supply pipe was replaced with copper on November 30, 1978.
- (9) The remarks indicate this is a replacement tap.
- (10) Supply pipe material—In this example, the portion of the service line between the water main and the curb stop was replaced with copper
- (11) Supply pipe length
- (12) Service pipe length—In this example, no information is given about the pipe between the curb stop and the meter.
- (13) Date of inspection record