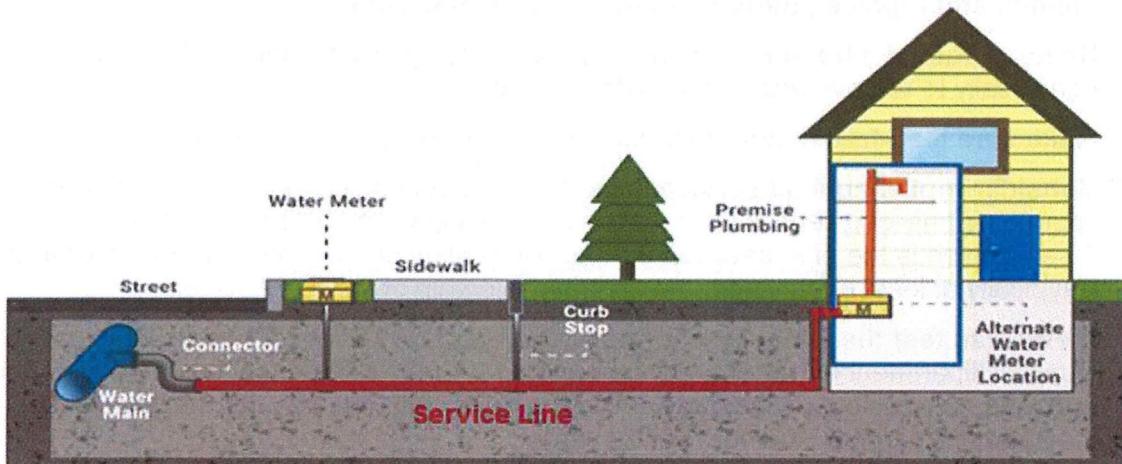


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**Example of a Service Line.** If any section of the service line is made of lead, the service line is classified as a lead service line.

### What Does It Mean?

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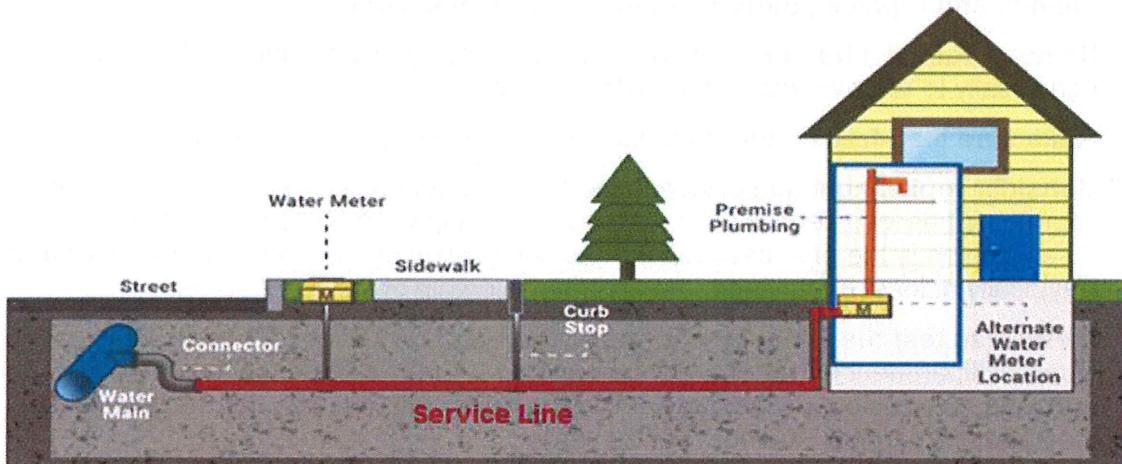
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