WATER SERVICE LINE MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

STEP 1: Locate water meter / Shutoff valve
The service line usually enters the basement and connects to the meter. If a meter is not available, locate shut off valve for this process.

STEP 2: Hold a magnet to the pipe
- COPPER: Not Magnetic
  - Shiny and orange like a copper penny when scratched
  - Commonly used
- GALVANIZED STEEL: Magnetic
  - Silver-gray in color when scratched
  - Not used in new construction
- LEAD: Not magnetic
  - Silver-gray and shiny in color when scratched
  - Not used in new construction
- PLASTIC/PVC: Not magnetic
  - Typically white in color
  - Uncommon in Chicago

STEP 3: Use a key or coin to scratch the pipe