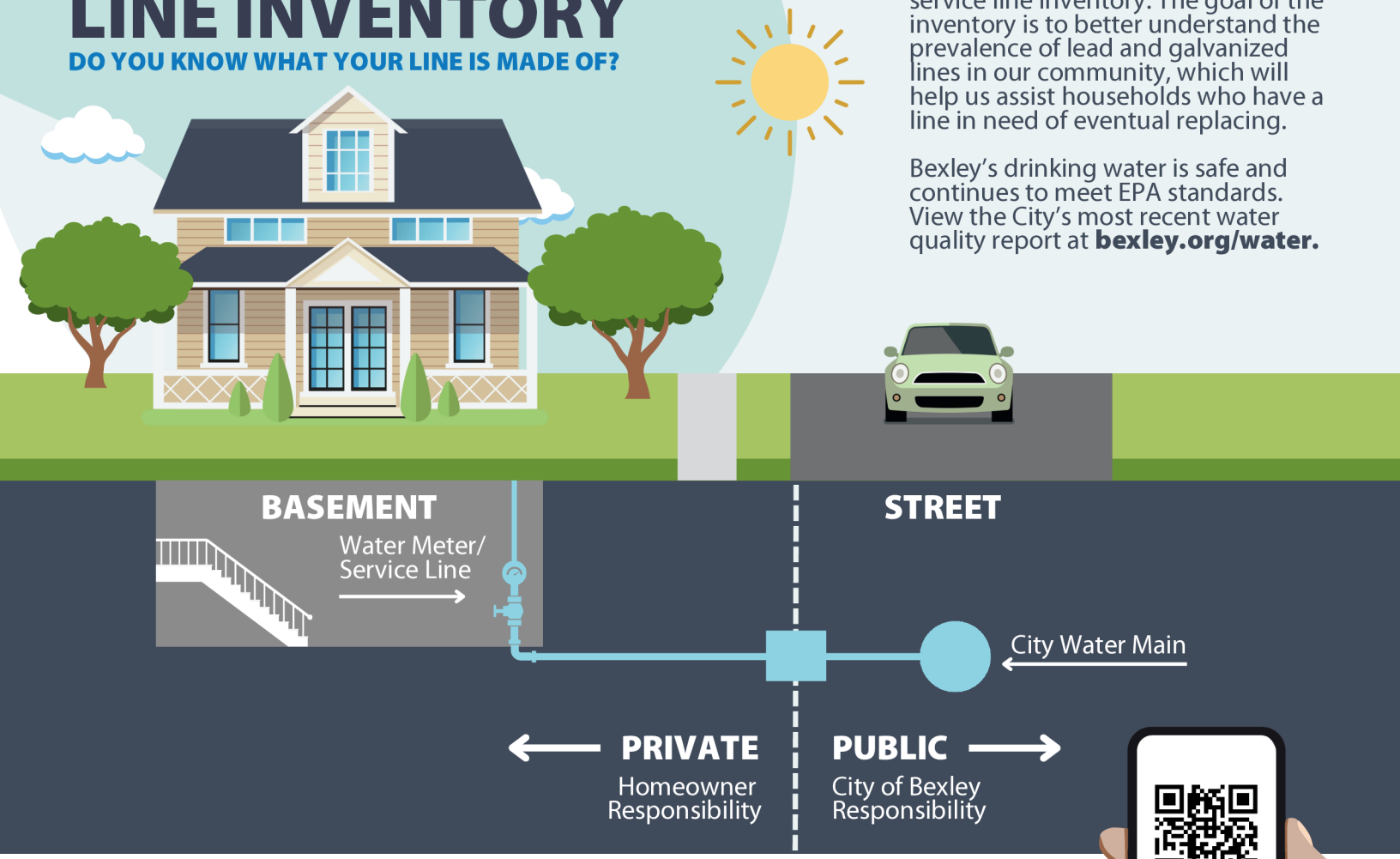
WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR LINE IS MADE OF?

In compliance with new regulations from the Ohio EPA, the Bexley Water Department is conducting a water service line inventory. The goal of the inventory is to better understand the prevalence of lead and galvanized lines in our community, which will help us assist households who have a line in need of eventual replacing.

Bexley's drinking water is safe and continues to meet EPA standards. View the City's most recent water quality report at **bexley.org/water.**



What if my water service line material is unknown?

Contact the Bexley Water Department to schedule a free in-home water service line material inspection.

or

Test your line at home with the Magnet and Scratch Tests and report the results back to Bexley. See reverse for details.



What is being done to protect Bexley from lead?

Lead pipes are being replaced across the country, including here in Bexley.

Bexley's water supplier, City of Columbus, uses a corrosion control additive to protect you.

The City regularly tests to ensure high quality, safe drinking water.

Have questions? We're here to help!

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HOW TO IDENTIFY SERVICE LINE MATERIAL

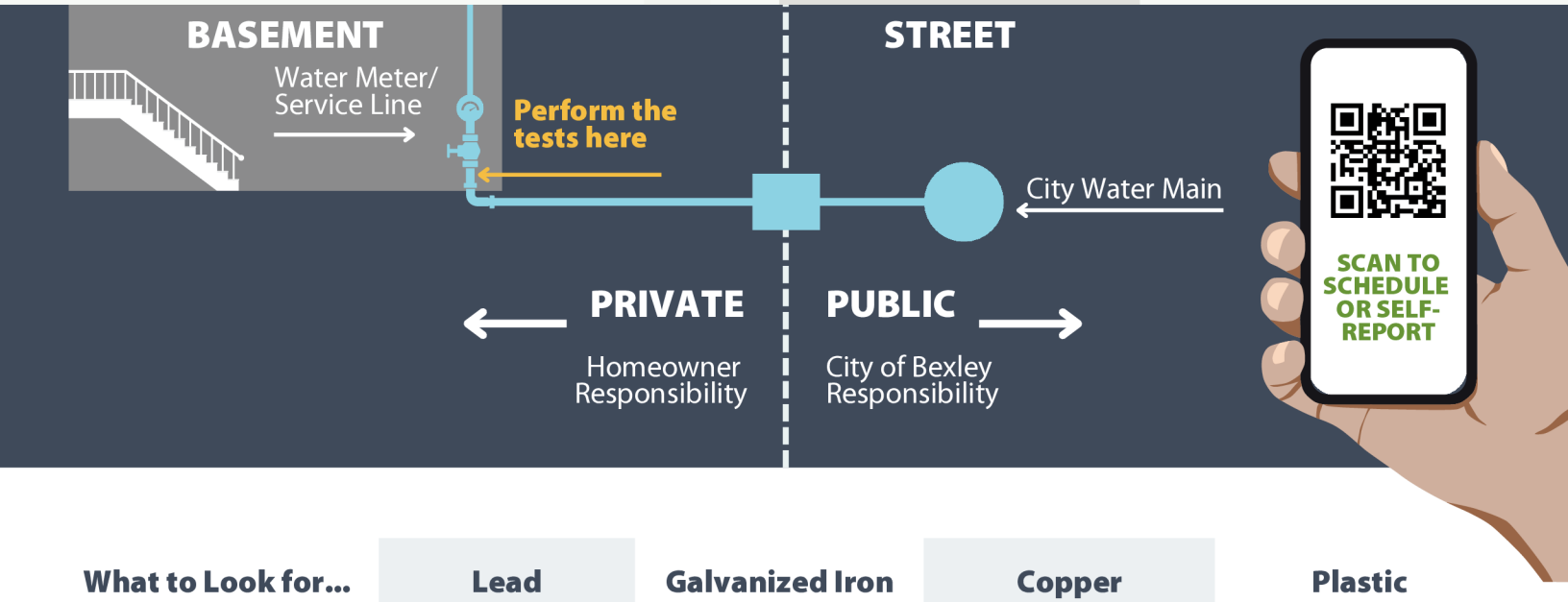
1. **Get a magnet and either a coin or a key. Go to your water meter, likely in the basement.**
2. **Do the Magnet and Scratch test. Compare results with the chart below.**
3. **Share results back with the Bexley Water Department.**

MAGNET TEST
Does a magnet stick to the pipe?



SCRATCH TEST
What color is the pipe when scratched with a coin or key?





What to Look for...	Lead	Galvanized Iron	Copper	Plastic
Outer appearance	Dull gray, bendable	Dark gray or black; Straight	Brown; Can have green corrosion	White, Black, Gray, Blue or Red
Threads at connections	None	Yes	None	None
Magnet Test	Does not stick	Magnet WILL stick	Does not stick	Does not stick
Scratch Test	Scratch is shiny silver	Hard to scratch, remains gray	Scratch is copper, like a penny	Color remains the same

What if I have or suspect a lead or galvanized line?

Steps are already taken by Columbus and Bexley to minimize lead contaminating our water.

You may consider using an ANSI NSF 53 certified lead filter. These are available online at most home improvement stores.

If concerned, consult your family physician to ask whether or not you should be tested for lead levels.