

DEQ Montana Department of Environmental Quality	Lead	Galvanized Iron	Copper	Brass
Outer Appearance	Dull gray, bendable; Often curves between wall/floor and valve	Dark gray or black; Straight rigid pipe	Brown; Can have green corrosion spots	Brown; Can have green corrosion spots
Threads at connections	None	Yes	None	Yes
Scratch Test (coin or key)	Shiny Silver	Hard to scratch, remains gray	Copper, like a penny	Gold color
Magnet Test	Does not Stick	Magnet WILL stick	Does not Stick	Does not Stick

For more information: [Lead & Copper Rule | Montana DEQ \(mt.gov\)](http://Lead & Copper Rule | Montana DEQ (mt.gov))

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