Figure 1: Water Main and Water Service Line Ownership

This graphic shows the relationship between Virginia American Water’s water main and water service lines, and private (property owner) water service lines. Ownership of the water service line is typically shared between property owners and Virginia American Water.

Any of these three water pipes can contain lead, but in Alexandria, there are no lead water mains and less than 5% of Virginia American Water’s service lines contain lead. The number of lead private service lines is unknown, which is why Virginia American Water conducts water testing.