

The Berkeley County Water District

SERVICE LINE OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY

A water main is a large pipe usually located along a road way. The service line is connected to the main and carries water from the main through the meter to a building (home or business).

The *water main* is owned and maintained by The Berkeley County Water District (District).

Ownership and responsibility for the service line is divided in two:

1. The District owns and is responsible for the service line from the water main to and including the meter. Any repairs or maintenance on this section of the service line is the responsibility of The District. The District also owns and is responsible for the meter itself and the meter stabilizing plumbing. Please see drawing.
2. The portion of the service line that goes from the meter pit to the house is owned and is the responsibility of the property owner. Any leaks or other maintenance of the service line from the point of connection continuing to the building is the responsibility of the property owner. Please see drawing.

The District is not permitted to work on any portion of the service line owned by the customer.

Repairs made to the property owner's portion of the service line can be made using materials and craftsmanship as decided by the homeowner. The District strongly advises that repairs be made using only materials approved for use in a potable water supply and that they be made by an individual with experience in potable water system work. If a shut off valve is not already installed at or near the building, this would be a good time to do so.

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