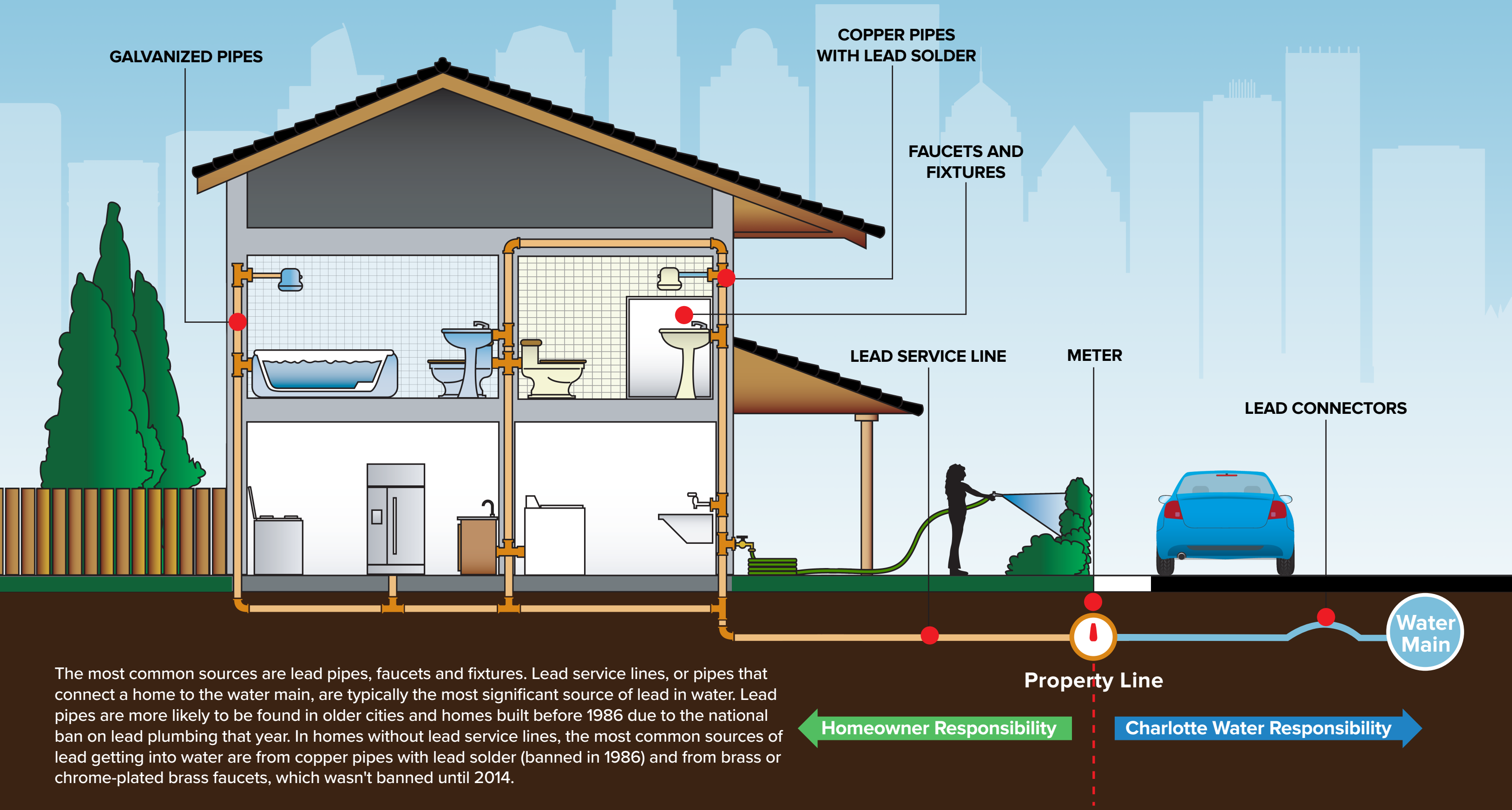


SOURCES OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER



The most common sources are lead pipes, faucets and fixtures. Lead service lines, or pipes that connect a home to the water main, are typically the most significant source of lead in water. Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986 due to the national ban on lead plumbing that year. In homes without lead service lines, the most common sources of lead getting into water are from copper pipes with lead solder (banned in 1986) and from brass or chrome-plated brass faucets, which wasn't banned until 2014.