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Control of Lead and Copper in Drinking Water

A sample must be collected after water has been sitting in the pipes for an extended period of time. A minimum 6-hour period during which there is no water use throughout the house must be achieved prior to drawing the water for the sample. Due to this requirement, it is recommended that the sample be collected either early in the morning or in the evening upon returning home from work. The collection procedure is described below:

1. Wait a minimum six (6) hour period during which there is no water use to be sure stagnant conditions exist (this includes toilets).
2. A kitchen or bathroom cold-water faucet should be used for sampling. If you have a softener or filters attached to the kitchen tap, collect your sample from a tap that is not attached to a softener or filter. Do not remove the screen or tip of the tap that you are sampling from.
3. Place the bottle below the faucet and slowly open the COLD water tap. Fill the bottle to the just above the 1 Liter line that is marked on the bottle. Set the bottle flat on the counter and assure that the water is at or slightly above the 1 L line on the bottle without the bottle being squeezed. There **MUST** be at least one liter (1L or 1000mL) for the sample to be analyzed! Bottles filled without air space, or to below the 1 L line will need to be recollected. Tightly cap the sample bottle.
4. Label the bottle clearly and make sure the same ID is used on this form. Fill out the information at the bottom of this form completely. Contact your water operator or the lab if you have any questions.

The following information must be completed by the resident. Please Print.

Water Last Used: Date: _____ Time: _____

Sample Collected on: Date: _____ Time: _____

Customer Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ (Street Address) _____ (Town, State) _____ (Zip)

Tap where the sample was taken: _____

Maintenance since last sampling: Yes / No, If Yes then what: _____

I attest that I followed the instructions on this sheet and that all of the information on this sheet is true and complete to the best of my knowledge:

(Signature of person taking the sample) (Print) (Date)