

# Instructions for Public Water System Customers Who Will be Collecting Lead/Copper Drinking Water Samples

We appreciate your help with this important water quality monitoring. The sample bottle we have provided is to be filled with water from a drinking water faucet.

Please follow these instructions carefully!

## #1 How to Select the Faucet You Will Use

- Collect the sample from a **REGULARLY USED**, interior **COLD WATER** faucet, preferably, *THE KITCHEN SINK*.
- **DO NOT** collect the sample from any faucet that is connected to a **WATER SOFTNER** or **FILTER**.
- The sample must be “**FIRST DRAW**” water. This means that you should fill the sample bottle first thing in the **MORNING** before water has been run from *ANY tap for any other use (even toilet flushing)*.
- The **FAUCET** from which the sample is taken **MUST NOT HAVE BEEN USED** for at least *six (6) HOURS (overnight is OK)*. However, the water should not have been sitting still in the pipes for more than 18 hours.

## #2 How to Collect the Sample

- Hold the sample bottle below the faucet and **GENTLY** turn on the **COLD** water. Fill the bottle as full as possible without overflowing.
- Tighten the cap on the sample bottle, but not so tight that the cap breaks.

## #3 What to Do After Collecting the Sample

- Return the **SAMPLE BOTTLE** to the **WATER UTILITY REPRESENTATIVE** as arranged.

Again, thank you very much for your help.

