



**Directions for
Homeowner Tap Sample Collection Procedures
Lead and Copper Rule (LCR)**

Part 1: Purpose

Lead and Copper samples are being collected to determine the lead and copper levels in your tap water served by your public water system. This sampling effort is required by the federal Lead and Copper Rule and is being accomplished through the cooperation of homeowners and residents.

Samples are most representative when the tap has not been used for at least 6 hours. The best time to collect samples is first thing in the morning or returning from work in the evening. Samples should be collected from the kitchen or bathroom cold-water tap that has been used for drinking water consumption in the past few weeks. The collection procedure is described in more detail below:

Part 2: Collection Procedures

1. **Dates will be set for sample kit delivery and pick-up by your public water system.** Prior arrangements with your water system will be made with you to coordinate the sample collection event.
2. There should be a minimum of 6 hours during which no water is being used at the kitchen or bathroom cold-water tap that is closest to the front of your residence. **Do not intentionally flush the water line before the start of the 6 hour period, as this can alter sampling results.**
3. Use a kitchen or bathroom cold-water faucet for sampling. If you have water softeners on your kitchen taps, collect your sample from the bathroom tap that is not attached to a water softener, or point-of-use filter, if possible. **Do not remove the aerator before sampling, as this can alter sampling results.**
4. Place the opened sample bottle below the faucet and gently open the cold-water tap. Fill the sample bottle to the line marked "1000-mL" and turn off the water. Tightly cap the sample bottle and place in the sample kit provided.
5. Review the sample kit label to ensure that all information on the label is correct.
6. If any plumbing repairs or replacement to the drinking water lines has been done in the home since the previous sampling event, note this information on the label as provided. Also if your sample was collected from a tap with a water softener, note this as well.
7. Schedule with your public water system to pick up the sample kit from the residence.
8. **Lead Consumer Notification:** Results from this monitoring effort and information about lead will be provided to you from your water system as soon as practical but no later than 30 days after results of the tap monitoring results come back. However, if excessive lead and/or copper levels are found, immediate notification will be provided (usually 1-2 working days after the water system learns of the tap monitoring results).

Call _____ at _____ if you have any questions regarding these instructions.

Part 3: To Be Completed By Resident

Water was last used: _____ **Time:** _____ **Date:** _____

Sample was collected: _____ **Time:** _____ **Date:** _____

Sample Address: _____

Sample Location & Faucet (e.g. Bathroom Sink): _____

I have read the above directions and have taken a tap sample in accordance with these directions.

Signature _____
Date