

DRINKING WATER LEAD AND COPPER SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Resident:

Thank you for helping to monitor for lead and copper in your drinking water. This sampling is required by the federal and state Safe Drinking Water Acts, and is being accomplished with the cooperation of homeowners, residents, and water system customers.

It is important that you follow these instructions, so we obtain an accurate measurement of the lead and copper in your drinking water. This sample should represent the water you would typically drink and the faucet from where you drink the water. Call your water supplier if you have questions.

1. Water must sit idle in the pipes for an extended length of time before sampling. Therefore, **do not use any water** in the house for at least 6 hours before sampling. The best times to sample are early morning or after returning from work.
2. Select an unfiltered/untreated faucet in the **KITCHEN** or **BATHROOM** that has been commonly used for drinking in the past few weeks.
DO NOT sample from a laundry sink, bathtub, or hose spigot as these samples cannot be used.
DO NOT use a faucet that has a filter attached to it unless you bypass the filter.
DO NOT use a faucet that is connected to a home water treatment device (like a water softener, iron filter, reverse osmosis) unless you bypass the home water treatment device.
3. Place the open sample bottle below the faucet and turn on the **COLD** water tap. If you have a single handle faucet, turn it fully to the **COLD** side. Fill the sample bottle to the neck with the "first draw" of **COLD** water.
DO NOT remove or clean the aerator immediately before sampling.
4. Tightly cap the sample bottle and place in the sample kit provided. Review the sample kit label to ensure all information contained on the label is complete and correct.
5. Answer the questions on the back of this form and sign the form.
6. Attach this form to the bottle and leave it outside your front door for pick-up or according to instruction provided by your water department.
7. Thank you again for your help. We will send you your individual results within 30 days of receiving them from the laboratory. A summary of information on this year's lead and copper monitoring will be printed in the annual water quality report that will be made available by July 1 of next year. Contact your water supplier if you have questions.

If you have questions call:
Water Supplier: _____

Manager or
Water Operator: _____

Phone: _____

Or Contact:
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ Contact: _____

Phone: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY RESIDENT/CUSTOMER

A. Which faucet did you use to fill the bottle?

Kitchen Main Bathroom Other (not an option for residential sites)

If OTHER, please describe: _____

B. When was the faucet last used before sampling?

DATE _____ TIME _____AM/PM

C. When did you fill the bottle?

DATE _____ TIME _____AM/PM

D. Is there a faucet mount filter? Yes No

If YES, was it bypassed? Yes No

E. Is this faucet connected to a home treatment device such as a water softener, a filter, a reverse osmosis unit, an iron removal device OR any other kind of treatment?

Yes No

If YES, please describe: _____

F. If any plumbing repairs or replacement has been done in the home since the previous sampling event, please note this information here:

If YES, please describe: _____

I have read the Drinking Water Lead and Copper Sampling Instructions and have taken a tap sample in accordance with these directions.

Signature

Date