1st and 5th Liter Lead/Copper Sampling Instructions

For Compliance Sampling at Sites with Lead Service Lines

Read all instructions before opening your sample bottles.

Please note: These sampling instructions are generic; the procedure and included materials may vary depending on which certified laboratory your water supply is using.

- The sample kit that you will receive from your water supply may include various materials. Do not throw anything away unless otherwise instructed.
- Do not use any water in your house for at least six hours before you collect samples. The best time to sample may be first thing in the morning or after you return home from work.
- Only use a cold-water faucet in the kitchen or bathroom that is routinely used for drinking.
- If the faucet has a faucet mounted filter, the device must be bypassed or removed before sampling.
- If your home has a water softener, iron removal filter, reverse osmosis system or other treatment device, contact your water supplier before sampling.

NOTE: Under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1st and 5th liter samples are required for water supply compliance sampling at sites served by a lead service line.