



# Homeowner Lead and Copper Collection Instructions and Certification

Dear Homeowner,

Thank you for your assistance in collecting lead and copper samples. Lead and copper samples are being collected to determine the lead and copper levels in the drinking water. This sampling effort is required by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and is being accomplished through your cooperation. Please follow the sample collection and complete the certification below. Your water system will arrange times for wide-mouth, one liter sample bottle drop-off and pick-up.

If you have any questions please call \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Identify the correct faucet for sample collection:**
  - a. For samples collected from single-family homes, always collect samples from an indoor **bathroom sink or kitchen faucet that is used regularly.**
  - b. Always collect samples from a cold water faucet.
  - c. Always collect samples from a faucet that is not connected to a water treatment device (e.g., water softener, filter, etc.).
  - d. Always collect samples from an inside faucet.
2. **Prepare for sample collection.**
  - a. **Do not clean or remove aerators prior to or during collection of the tap samples.**
  - b. **Collect samples from a tap that has not been used for a minimum of 6 hours.** Because of this requirement, the best time to collect samples is either early in the morning or in the evening upon returning from work.
3. **Collect the Sample:**
  - a. Take the cap off of the bottle.
  - b. Place the sample bottle under the faucet.
  - c. Turn on the **cold water faucet**, *filling the bottle at a flow you would use to fill up a glass of water.*
  - d. Fill the bottle (**do not overfill**).
  - e. Tightly cap the sample bottle.
4. **Complete provided paperwork that will accompany the sample(s).** *Be sure to include the following information:*
  - a. The date and time that the water was last used.
  - b. The date and time that the sample was collected.
  - c. Make note of the presence of an aerator.
  - d. Make note of any plumbing repairs or replacement that have been performed in the home since the previous sampling event (if applicable).

TO BE COMPLETED BY RESIDENT	
Date/Time Faucet Stopped Being Used:	
Date/Time Sample Collected:	
I have read and taken a tap sample in accordance with these instructions.	
_____ Signature	_____ Date
Additional Comments or Notations (plumbing repairs or replacements, issues, problems, etc...):	