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## HOMEOWNERS TAP SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURE FOR LEAD AND COPPER

These Samples are being collected to determine the lead and copper levels in your tap water. This sampling effort is required by the US Environmental Protection Agency and your state, and is being accomplished through the cooperation of homeowners and residents.

A sample is to be collected after water has been sitting in the pipes for an extended period of time (i.e., 6 to 10 hour period). Due to this requirement, either early mornings or evenings upon returning from work are the best times for collecting samples. The collection procedure is described in more detail.

- 1. IMPORTANT: Before starting the 6-hour holding time flush water through the tap you will collect the sample from for at least 5 minutes. Must be a 1 Liter sample container.**
- A minimum **6-hour** period during which there is not water use though out the house must be achieved prior to sampling. The water department recommends that either early mornings or evenings upon returning home are the best sampling times to ensure that the necessary stagnant water conditions exist.
- A kitchen or bathroom **cold-water** sink faucet is to be used for sampling. Place the 1 Liter sample bottle (open) below the faucet and gently open the cold water tap. Fill the sample bottle without running it over and turn off the water.
- Tightly cap the 1 Liter sample bottle and fill in the sample information on the label and in the box below.
- If any plumbing repairs or replacement has been done in the residence since the last sample was collected, please note this information in the box below.
- Place sample for pick-up or return as instructed by water manager.
- Results of this monitoring will be provided to participants when results have been submitted to the state unless excessive levels of lead and/or copper are found. In these cases, immediate notification should be provided (usually within 10 days of sample collection).

Call \_\_\_\_\_ (water manager) at \_\_\_\_\_ if you have questions.

### TO BE COMPLETED BY RESIDENT

Water was last used: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sample was collected: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_ and

Sample address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have plumbing repairs or replacement been done since last sample was collected? \_\_\_\_\_