Collecting Samples for Metals in Water in 4 Easy Steps!



STEP 1: Select a faucet routinely used for obtaining drinking water. Kitchen and bathroom faucets are good locations. The water should remain in the plumbing for 6 to 12 hours before collecting the samples.



Step 2: <u>DO NOT</u> use the pressure tank sampling tap, an outside tap or laundry tub faucet. These fixtures are constructed of brass which contains lead and copper. Corroded brass will flake off during sampling and cause falsely high results.



Step 3: Remove the cap from the bottle and set aside. Turn on the cold water, then place the bottle under the stream of water, fill to the shoulder without overflowing, remove the bottle from the stream and then turn off faucet. DO NOT rinse the bottle. This is a "first draw" sample.

Please note: *Typically the "first draw" will provide the worse-case assessment of lead and copper leaching from household plumbing.*



Step 4: Write your name on the side of the sample bottle with a waterproof pen.

SAMPLES ACCEPTED MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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