

Sampling Instructions:

Sample bottle – any clean container that holds approximately 16 ounces of water can be used.

Selecting a Tap – the ideal tap is a kitchen or bathroom tap (or other clean faucet). Avoid taps that contain a swivel or leak at the stem. Water softener should be on bypass and any other filtration units should be removed.

Taking the sample – lead requires a ‘first draw sample’ (all metal analysis can be run from this first draw sample) allow water to sit in the pipes overnight (6 hours minimum). Do not use any taps until after the sample has been collected. Remove the cap and hold between fingers. Turn on the faucet and immediately collect the sample. Fill the bottle to the neck, do not overflow the bottle, and then tightly cap the bottle. Store the sample in a refrigerator until sample is delivered to laboratory.

Special sample bottles & instructions for bacteria analysis are available at the environmental lab.