

Lead and Copper Sample Collection Instructions

An instructional video & a replacement form can be found at: <http://www.watertown-ny.gov/leadsample>

- 1. WAIT** at least **6 hours** before collecting sample. There must be **a minimum of 6 hours** during which there is no water used from the tap where the sample will be collected. Do not intentionally flush the water line before the start of the 6 hour period. We recommend sampling first thing in the morning or upon returning home in the evening.
- 2. FILL** sample bottle from a **kitchen or bathroom cold-water faucet to the line marked "1000-mL"**. Please collect a water sample from a kitchen or bathroom tap that has been used for drinking and is not attached to a water softener or a point of use filter, if possible. Do not remove the aerator prior to sampling. Place the opened sample bottle below the faucet prior to turning on the water. Open the cold water tap as you would do to fill a glass of water. **Fill the sample bottle to the line marked "1000-mL"** and turn off the water. Tightly cap the sample bottle. Complete the sample bottle label and place in the bag provided.
- 3. COMPLETE** the **information at the bottom of this sheet and return with sample**. If any plumbing repairs or replacement has been done in the home since the previous sampling event, note this information on this sheet. Also if your sample was collected from a tap with a water softener, note this as well.

Contact the Water Treatment Plant at 315-785-7845 when sample is ready for pick-up. Place the sample kit in the same location the kit was delivered to so that water system staff may pick it up.

These samples are being collected to determine the lead and copper levels in your tap water. This sampling effort is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and New York State, and is being accomplished through the cooperation of homeowners and residents.

Results from this monitoring effort and information about lead will be provided to you as soon as practical but no later than 30 days after the system learns of the taps monitoring results. However, if excessive lead and/or copper levels are found in your sample, immediate notification will be provided (usually 1-2 working days after the system learns of the results).

Call Aaron Harvill or Gordon Cronk at 315-785-7845 if you have any questions regarding these instructions.

Address:

Site #:

TO BE COMPLETED BY RESIDENT AND RETURNED WITH SAMPLE

Failure to follow these instructions will result in the rejection of the sample.

Water was last used: Time _____ Date _____

Sample was collected (at least 6 hours): Time _____ Date _____

Location of sample faucet (e.g. Bathroom sink): _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone Number:

Email:

Changes to Plumbing: