



Faucet Preparation for 1st Draw Lead-in-Water Test

In this area, lead does not generally come from well water. Lead comes from the plumbing and faucets from inside the home. Therefore, lead levels in drinking water are determined by testing water that has been *standing* in the plumbing pipes and faucets. The water must stand in the pipes for *no less than 6 hours* and *no more than 18 hours* before we can collect the sample. It is important to follow these instructions on preparing the faucet for the test. ***We do charge to return to the property if this procedure is not followed.***

- ◆ The kitchen tap is the best faucet to prepare, since this is where most water is used. The pipes must be flushed, before allowing water to stand in the pipes for the allotted 6 to 18 hours.
- ◆ If the house is occupied, run the cold water through the kitchen tap for 15 minutes. If the house is vacant, run the cold water through the kitchen tap for 1 hour. This is usually done as late as possible the night before the test is scheduled.
- ◆ After flushing the pipes, allow water to stand for *no less than 6 hours* and *no more than 18 hours* before the scheduled time of sampling.
- ◆ Please put a bag or baggie on the faucet, this ensures that no one will inadvertently turn on the water. Also, fill out of the bottom portion of this form and leave by the faucet.

* While the water is standing in the pipes, it can be run anywhere else in the house (ie. bathroom sink, toilets, and shower) other than the prepared faucet.

Thank you,

If you have any questions, please call the office at 410-557-9355.

There will be an additional return trip charge if this procedure is not followed.

Date faucet prepared: _____

Time started: _____ **Time stopped:** _____

Name of person preparing faucet: _____

** Note: The lead test results are only for the faucet that is being prepared. Other points of use may have different lead levels.*