



CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING



You are receiving this sampling kit to help us determine the quality of our corrosion control program. This sampling is very important and is used for our Ohio EPA monitoring and reporting requirements. You are conducting sampling in place of our certified sample collectors, so adherence to sampling procedures is very important. Please read the following instructions before starting the sampling. There is one sample bottle: it will need to be filled with tap water from the **Kitchen Sink** that is used regularly. This year, we are not allowing bathroom sinks unless you receive approval from Cleveland Water first. **We are requesting you complete the sampling and notify us by June 11th, 2018 to be eligible for the \$100 water bill credit.**

SAMPLE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

At least two days before you plan on sampling, please do the following:

- Make sure the sample bottle will fit under the kitchen sink faucet so it can be filled completely.
- Do not remove the aerator (screen) from the faucet. Do not intentionally "hard flush" the faucet the day or two leading up to your sampling date. Just use the faucet as you normally would.
- Make sure you have no faucet filter or under-counter treatment unit hooked up to the cold water on the kitchen sink. If you do, we will need to make alternate sampling arrangements – **please call us**.
- Please make sure you know how to shut off any whole-house treatment units you may have (example: a whole house softener).
- If you have questions about how to sample, please go to our website to see a demonstration video. The video, and these sampling instructions, are located at www.clevelandwater.com/leadsampling.
- If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Smith at 216-664-3171 or Scott Moegling at 216-664-2444 x75583.

Sampling must be done after the faucet has been allowed to sit for at least **6 hours unused**. This usually means sampling first thing in the morning, however you could also sample first thing when you return home from work. **IF AT ANY TIME WATER IS USED ANYWHERE IN THE HOUSE DURING THIS 6-HOUR PERIOD, YOU CANNOT SAMPLE AND MUST WAIT TO DO IT THE NEXT DAY.** This includes flushing the toilet in the middle of the night if you plan on doing morning sampling.

The night before you sample, please do the following:

- If you use a sink with a single handle faucet, turn off the hot water valve located under the sink. Turn the kitchen sink handle to the cold side and verify **cold water only** is coming out. Do not use the sink for a minimum of 6 hours.
- **Do not use this sink or any water fixture in your house for at least six hours.** It may be helpful to place a note near all faucets in your house to serve as a reminder!

When you are ready to collect the sample:

- First thing in the morning - fill the sample bottle up completely with cold water only. Use normal flow as if you are filling a glass of water. **DO NOT FLUSH THE FAUCET FIRST AND THEN FILL THE BOTTLE!**
- When you've filled the bottle, put the cap on securely. Turn the hot water valve back on.
- Fill out the information on the back of this page and sign. Put the bottle and paperwork in the bag they came in.
- When your sample is ready for pickup, or if you have any questions, please call the lab at 664-3171. We will pick the sample bag from the same place we dropped it off it (usually a front porch).



Sample Number: _____
(To be filled in by Cleveland Water)