



DIRECTIONS FOR LEAD and COPPER DRINKING WATER EXAMINATION

1. A sample is to be collected after an extended period of stagnant water conditions (i.e., no water use during this period) within the interior piping. A **minimum of 6-8 hour** period during which there is no water use must be achieved prior to sampling. MVWA recommends that either early mornings or evenings upon returning home are the best sampling times to ensure that the necessary stagnant water conditions exist.
2. A kitchen or bathroom cold water faucet is to be used for sampling. Place the sample bottle (open) below the faucet and gently open the cold water tap. Fill the bottle completely and turn off the water. **Do not run the tap prior to sampling. The sample must be a “first-draw” sample.**
3. Tightly cap the sample bottle. Label the bottle with name, address, site of sample, and date/time of sample collection. Complete the attached paperwork. Please review the sample information at this time to ensure that all information contained on the label is correct and matches the paperwork. Place both in the bag provided.
4. For customers of MVWAs water system:
 - Prior arrangements will be made with the consumer to coordinate the sample collection event. Dates will be set for sample kit delivery and pick up by Water Quality department staff. There is no charge for this analysis.
5. For customers (private water samples) who picked up sample bottles:
 - Bring the sample to the laboratory within 48 hours. The sample should be refrigerated from collection until delivery to the MVWA lab.
 - **The cost for this analysis is \$30**, payable at the time of sample drop-off. We accept cash, check, money order, credit or debit cards. Please make checks payable to MVWA.
6. MVWA will subcontract your sample out to its contract lab. Please allow up to 14 days for results to be reported.
7. If you have any questions regarding these instructions please contact the Water Quality Department at 315-792-0301 or at www.mvwa.us.