

TAP SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

These samples are being collected to determine *lead* and *copper* levels in your tap water. This sampling effort is required by the *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* and the *Missouri Department of Natural Resources* and is being accomplished through the cooperation of homeowners and residents.

A sample is to be collected after water has been sitting in the pipes for an extended period of time (ie., no water use during this period). Due to this requirement, either early mornings or evenings upon returning from work are the best times for collecting samples. The collection procedure is described in more detail below.

1. A minimum 6-hour period during which there is no water use throughout the house must be achieved prior to sampling. The water department recommends that either early mornings or evenings upon returning home are the best sampling times to ensure that the necessary stagnant water condition exists. **DO NOT EXCEED 12 HOURS STANDING TIME.**

2. A kitchen or bathroom cold water faucet is to be used for sampling. Place the open sample bottle below the faucet and gently turn on the cold water tap. Fill the sample bottle(s) 1" from the top.

3. Tightly cap the sample bottle and return to utility personnel.

4. Fill out the times indicated in the box below.

5. When results are available for your sample there are three ways to become aware of what they are:

1.) Your public water system is required to notify you of your specific results or call your water system at the phone number below for results.

2.) For community water systems your results will be included in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for your public water system at <http://dnr.mo.gov/ccr/ccr.htm>, select your county at the bottom of the page and then your water system.

3.) You can also find the results online at the Drinking Water Watch website <http://dnr.mo.gov/DWW/indexSearchDNR.jsp> type your water system name in the box titled Water System Name, select Find Water Systems at the bottom of the page, this screen will show you the water system name and number, select and click the Water System Number, under the help column at the top of the page find Chemical Results by Analyte, select and click on it, scroll down to Lead and click, the Lead and Copper locations will be displayed, scroll to find your location and click on the sample number for the results.

Please call _____ at _____ if you have any questions.

TO BE COMPLETED BY RESIDENT

Water was last used: Time _____ Date _____.

Sample was collected: Time _____ Date _____.

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

Signature

Date

**** NOTE ****

This sheet should be retained by water system.
DO NOT RETURN TO LABORATORY.