

TOWN OF SHERIDAN

Suggested Directions for Lead Tap Sample Collection

The proposed sampling discussed between Town of Sheridan and DEQ is to be conducted as a way to gather data on taps that are serving certain groups throughout the community. These samples will not be considered compliance samples and will only go toward informing the public on the specific lead levels in their water. Results will not resolve current exceedance criteria nor will they be used to avoid public education requirements related to the lead action level exceedance.

These samples are being collected to determine the lead levels in your tap water. A sample is to be collected after water has been sitting in the pipes for an extended period of time. The sample procedure is described in more detail below.

- DO NOT remove aerators on sample taps immediately prior to lead sample collection. Aerators should be periodically cleaned throughout the year, just not directly prior to sampling.
- Use a sample tap that has a minimum of a 6 hour period during which there is no water use. Early evenings or mornings are likely the best sampling times to ensure that the necessary stagnant water conditions exist. Try **not** to sample from taps that have had water sitting stagnant for more than 18 hours.
- A kitchen or bathroom **cold** water faucet used for **human consumption** is to be used for sampling. Place the open, wide mouth sample bottle below the faucet and open the cold water tap. Fill the sample bottle to the neck and turn off the water.
- Tightly cap the sample bottle and place it in the sample kit provided. Please review the sample bottle label at this time to ensure all information is correct.
- Fill out the accompanying paperwork with all necessary information. Please include any specific information regarding the sample tap. Sample taps which are located after point-of-use devices such as water softeners or certain water fountains are not to be used for sampling; however, for the purposes of this sampling it is most important to get data from sample taps that are most commonly used.
- Follow any specific directions provided by the public water supply system.

Please call John Price, Lead & Copper Rule Manager at DEQ with any questions at 406-444-5312.