Instructions for Lead Sample Collection

This template can be used for sample collection being done by either the operator or homeowner. Information regarding your sampling program is to be inserted in the areas indicated in brackets and blue font: [Name]. If you are not including a 5 minute flush sample in your program, remove steps 6 and 7 below.

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Thank you for participating in the [Name] residential lead sampling program.

A [Name] drinking water operator will supply you with one (two) 1 litre bottle(s) for water sample collection.

Please follow the instructions below to ensure accurate results:

1. Take the lid off the bottle (one of the bottles).
2. Hold the opened bottle under the kitchen tap.
3. Turn on your kitchen tap to cold water. Use a low to medium flow. Avoid splashing. Do not flush or remove screen/aerator from the tap.
4. Fill the sample bottle.
5. Replace the cap securely.
6. Let the water run for five minutes.
7. Once five minutes are up, collect a sample using the empty bottle and the same steps as above.
8. Turn water off.
9. Leave the bottle outside your front door.

Our operator will collect the bottle(s) when you are finished.

The water sample(s) will be submitted to the laboratory for lead testing. Results should be available within 7-10 days.

If you have any questions, please contact [Name] at [number].

Thank you for your cooperation.