



How to Properly Take a "First Draw" Lead and Copper Sample

Sometimes water samples fail due to sampling error. To ensure this does not happen to you, follow these steps when taking a "First Draw" sample from your water system:

1. Flush the **COLD** water for 3 - 4 minutes using the faucet you will use for sampling (a kitchen sink or bathroom sink which has been in use for the past few months is recommended). Turn off the water. The water must not be used anywhere in the house (including flushing the toilet) for at least 6 hours. **To take a "First Draw" sample, YOUR WATER MUST BE OFF FOR THE MINIMUM REQUIRED 6 HOURS. It is strongly recommended that the "First Draw" sample be taken within 8 hours of turning off the water (this provides a 2-hour window for sampling).**
2. Do not remove any screens from the faucet before taking the "First Draw" sample.
3. After the 6-hour waiting period, place the 1 liter sample bottle obtained from AAA under the faucet and turn on the **COLD** water to a gentle stream to fill the bottle. Do not use hot water and do not rinse out the sample bottle. **To get the "First Draw" sample, DO NOT RUN THE WATER WITHOUT THE BOTTLE UNDER THE FAUCET.**
4. Fill the bottle to the shoulder and turn off the water. Do not fill to the top or allow the bottle to overflow. Tightly screw the cap onto the bottle.
5. Complete the sampling information box below and return with your sample bottle.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SAMPLER – PLEASE PRINT

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Please enter the time and date for the following actions:

Water was turned off at _____ AM / PM on _____

"First Draw" was taken at _____ AM / PM on _____

Water sat unused for _____ Hours

**ARS ALEUT ANALYTICAL WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR WATER SAMPLE(S) IF THE
WATER WAS OFF LESS THAN SIX (6) HOURS.**

Sample location/Address _____

Sample was taken from

Kitchen sink

Bathroom sink

Other (please list location) _____

I have read the above directions and have taken the "First Draw" sample in
accordance with these directions.

Signature

Date