



UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

**Instructions for Lead and Copper
Special First Draw Sample Collection**

Step 1: **Select appropriate faucet:** Be sure to use a faucet that has been in recent general use by your household. Do not use a faucet with a water softener or filter.

Step 2: **It is important that the water not be used for a minimum of six hours prior to collecting the sample.**

There must be a minimum of 6 hours during which there is no water used from the tap the sample is taken from and any taps adjacent or close to that tap. For example, either early mornings or evenings upon returning home are the best sampling times to collect the sample.

Step 3: **Collect Sample:** Do not remove faucet aerator. Open the enclosed one-liter plastic sample container and place container under the faucet and turn on the **cold water** to a moderate flow.

Slowly fill the sample container to the neck of the cap area and then cap the container. Do not allow the water to flow out of the top of the container.

Step 4: **Fill out information:** Review the sample label at this time to ensure that all information contained on the label is correct and fill out highlighted areas below.

Step 5: Place the sample kit outside of the residence in the location of the kit's delivery so that Town of Cary staff can pick up the sample kit.

Step 6: Notify laboratory staff that your sample is ready for pickup by emailing waterlab@townofcary.org or phoning Rachel Monschein, Water System Laboratory Supervisor, at 919-362-5507 (feel free to leave a voicemail after hours).

Collection Date: _____ Time Collected: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like test results?

electronic copy via email, or hard copy in mail

Results are provided
in approximately 3 weeks