

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM PREPARATION

for LEAD and COPPER SAMPLING GUIDE

Please read completely before scheduling your sampling.

1. Refer to the enclosed Lead and Copper Sample Site Plan which provides your list of lead and copper sampling sites:
 - All **highest risk sites must be sampled before any lower risk sites** (i.e. all Tier 1 sites must be used, then if needed Tier 2 sites, etc.).
 - If your plan has lead service lines, then **50% of sites sampled must be lead service line sites and 50% of samples must be from lead pipes or copper pipes with lead solder built 1983 to 1988**. If not enough lead service lines sites are available to make 50% of total sites sampled then ALL lead service lines sites on plan must be sampled.
 - The same sample sites should be used every time lead and copper sampling is conducted unless a site is no longer accessible or no longer a valid sample site.
 - All changes must be approved. Changes to this plan can be made by contacting Joe Von Wahlde at 701-328-5207 or joseph.vonwahlde@nd.gov.
2. Notify any participating samplers (homeowners/residents) regarding their role in sample collection, the date collection is scheduled, and how to return the samples to the public water system for shipping to the laboratory.
3. Provide each sampler (homeowner/resident) with a sample container **labeled with the sample site code** and a copy of the sampling instructions* for lead and copper collection (enclosed).
**Please note that the instructions (updated 2022) replace any older version.*
4. **Date** and **time** of sample collection must be recorded at the time of sampling and reported to the lab for each sample site.
5. Samples must arrive at the lab **within 14 days** of collection.
6. Prior to shipping or delivering the samples to your laboratory verify that:
 - Each sample container **lid is securely closed**.
 - Each sample container has been **labeled with the sample site code**, address, and/or description of collection location.
 - Each sample has the **date** and **time** of collection provided.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact the Drinking Water Program at 701-328-5211 or deq@nd.gov.
