



FREE Drinking Water Lead Testing For Arnprior Residents



Regulations under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* require that the Town of Arnprior conduct lead sampling of the drinking water at 40 residential and 4 non-residential locations connected to the Town of Arnprior's drinking water distribution system.

Sampling will commence on June 15, 2010 and is scheduled to continue until October 15, 2010. If you suspect that your home or business has lead piping or lead solder joints (i.e., **buildings older than 1989**) and wish to have your drinking water tested for lead, please contact:

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The sampling program will be ongoing, and sampling sites will be prioritized in accordance with the likelihood of lead services. There is no cost to the home or business owner for sampling and the results will be kept confidential. **Residents that have already participated in previous sampling rounds may participate again!**

What to expect?

1. Town waterworks staff will enter your home or business and locate the primary drinking water tap.
2. Staff will allow the tap to run for 5 minutes to clear any standing water from the pipes, immediately following **NO** water should be used for 30 minutes, until the waterworks staff return to collect the water samples.
3. Staff will return to collect the water samples. The samples are submitted for lead analysis to an approved external laboratory.
4. The results are generally provided to the home or business owner within 10 business days following the sampling date.

The results are **NOT** made available to the general public.

If I have my water tested and it contains lead, what should I do?

The most effective method to ensure lead is not leaching into your drinking water is to remove the lead piping, or the lead solder joints. As the home or business owner, you are responsible and own the drinking water pipes on your side of the curb-stop (i.e., shut-off valve). To mitigate, run water in the morning for approximately 5 minutes to remove the standing water in the pipes. Flushing toilets and having showers in the morning, prior to consuming the drinking water will help to remove standing water that may contain lead.

What are the Town's responsibilities?

The Town is responsible for conducting the Community Lead Sampling Program. This program assists the Town in finding existing lead service lines. If the Town encounters a lead service line during water distribution maintenance, repair or renewal projects they are promptly removed/replaced from the main to the curb-stop (i.e., shut-off valve), and the home or business owner connected to the service line is notified that their pipes may also be of lead construction.

Thank you for your consideration,
The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior