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Sample Collection Instructions for Lead and/or Copper

- All lead and copper samples must be first-draw samples and shall be 1 liter in volume. The water should have stood motionless in the plumbing system (not used) of each sample site for a minimum of six hours. While the water cannot be used for more than six hours, do not collect samples from sites which have not been used for an extended period of time; such as a site which has had no water use for several days (i.e., a weekend).
- Collect sample from a cold water tap, without any treatment devices, that has not been used for a minimum of 6 hours. Collect the first draw.
- Fill clean, plastic, 1 liter sample bottle provided by Monterey Bay Analytical Services. No preservative is needed at time of collection.
- Write the address along with date and time of collection on bottle.
- Fill out a Chain-of-Custody (Analysis Request) form. Write submitter information and sample information on form and submit with the sample.
- Sample can be picked up by your water treatment operator or delivered to the laboratory.