



### **CALTEST SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS- LEAD & COPPER RULE**

#### **Container needed:** (1) Unpreserved plastic liter

1. A minimum 6-hour period during which there is no water use throughout the house must be achieved prior to sampling. It is recommended that either early mornings or evenings upon returning home are the best sampling times to ensure the necessary stagnant water conditions exist.
2. Use a kitchen or bathroom cold-water faucet to collect the sample. Place the clean plastic one-liter sample bottle provided by the laboratory below the faucet and gently open the cold-water tap. Fill the sample bottle and turn off the water. No preservative is needed at the time of collection.
3. Label the sample with sample identification/location, date and time of collection.
4. Complete the Chain-of-Custody (COC) form including mailing/email address, name of sample collector, description of sample point, date and time of collection, and test ordered (i.e. "Lead & Copper").

#### **Shipping instructions**

1. Please ship samples to arrive to the lab Monday–Friday, as soon as possible after sample collection.
2. Place containers in plastic bags.
3. Place sample upright in the middle of a cooler or box; ice is not required.
4. Ensure that the box/cooler is completely full with packing material so that the sample won't move around during shipping.
5. Put completed Chain of Custody (COC) form in a Ziplock bag and place on top, inside box/cooler.
6. **Ship to:**

Caltest Analytical Laboratory  
Sample Receiving  
1885 North Kelly Road  
Napa, CA 94558

**Note on outside of box/cooler: "Sample Enclosed, Open Upon Receipt"**

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