SUGGESTED DIRECTIONS for LEAD & COPPER TAP SAMPLE COLLECTION

These samples are being collected to determine the lead and copper levels in your tap water. This sampling effort is required by the U.S. EPA and the Montana DEQ. It is being accomplished through the cooperation of homeowners and residents.

Collect samples from a tap that has not been used for at least 6 hours (i.e. no water use during this period). Due to this requirement, early mornings are the best times for collecting samples. The collection procedure is described in more detail below.

1. A minimum 6 hour period during which there is no water use throughout the building must be achieved prior to sampling. Late evenings or early mornings are the best sampling times to ensure that the necessary stagnant water conditions exist. Try not to sample from taps that have had water sitting stagnant for more than 18 hours. Do not intentionally flush the water line before the start of the 6 hour period.
2. A kitchen, bathroom, or other location commonly used for human consumption **cold** water faucet is to be used for sampling. **Do not** use an outdoor faucet, or utility sinks for sampling. Place the open sample bottle below the faucet and open the cold water tap. Fill the sample bottle to the line marked "1000 ml" and turn off the water. Do not remove the aerator prior to sampling.
3. Tightly cap the sample bottle and place it in the sample kit provided. Please review the sample kit label at this time to ensure that all information contained on the label is correct.
4. If any plumbing work (repairs or replacement) has been done in the home since the previous sampling event, note this information on the label as provided. Also note if the sample was collected from a tap with a water softener.
5. The system operator will provide any results from this sampling effort by posting the results in a public location inside the building being tested.

Call MT DEQ at 444-4400 if you have any questions regarding these instructions.

TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL SAMPLING

Water was last used: Time_____ Date_____
Sample was collected: Time_____ Date_____
Sample was collected from (circle one) Kitchen Sink Bathroom Sink Other_____
I have read the above directions and have taken a tap sample in accordance with these directions.

_____ _____
Signature Date