

Test for lead in four easy steps

STEP 1

Contact your local Mid-Michigan District Health Department branch office (see below) to order collection bottles. One safe sample from one faucet does not clear a home from danger.

STEP 2

Select a faucet most commonly used for drinking--one you use every day, like the kitchen or bathroom. We recommend testing every faucet used daily for drinking.

STEP 3

Don't use the faucet for at least 6 hours (but no more than 24 hours) before you collect the sample. During this time, do not use water anywhere in the house.

STEP 4

After the "do not use" period, fill the sample bottle to the neck with the "first draw" of COLD water. Remember, the faucet needs to have been stagnant (not used) for at least 6 hours, but no more than 24 hours. If you have a single handle faucet, make sure it is turned to the COLD side.



Important Tips

- Do not take a sample from a faucet that has a filter attached to it unless you bypass the filter.
- Do not use a faucet that is connected to a home water treatment device (water softener, iron filter, reverse osmosis) unless you bypass the device.

Questions?

Contact the Mid-Michigan District Health Department branch office nearest you with any questions or to order a water sample bottle. The sample bottles are free, but the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) charges a testing fee of \$26 per bottle.



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