

## Sample Collection Instructions: Lead and Copper (Drinking Water)

**Please read instructions prior to collecting sample(s).**

Drinking water samples should be collected where water is used regularly such as your kitchen or bathroom sink.

Lead and copper samples are collected as “first draw”, generally first thing in the morning, to evaluate if the water may be corrosive to your home plumbing or fixtures.

### **NHDES Recommended Sampling Procedure**

1. Tape off the sampling tap at least 6 hours before sampling to insure that no water is used during the stagnation period.
2. Return after the tap has sat unused for at least 6 hours such as first thing in the morning.
3. Fill in your address, date and time on the sample bottle label and on the chain-of-custody form.
4. Do not flush the water line.
5. Do not remove the faucet aerator.
6. Place the sample bottle under the COLD WATER faucet, and fill the sample bottle from the first draw of stagnant water. Close the bottle tightly.