



Volunteer Lead Monitoring Program

Why is the Town of Stellarton sampling drinking water?



Health Canada has developed the “Guidance on Controlling Corrosion in Drinking Water Distribution Systems.” This requires **all** municipalities to regularly sample and test private taps within their respective homes for lead.

These requirements place an emphasis on the testing of private plumbing, which has a possibility of containing lead. Older homes may have been built with lead service lines or they may contain lead-based solder, as this was previously acceptable for private plumbing.

How is the water tested?

Volunteers will be contacted by the Town and sample bottles will be delivered to the residence by Town staff. The homeowner will simply fill the sample bottle and hand it back to the staff member. The samples will then be shipped to a certified lab for analysis.

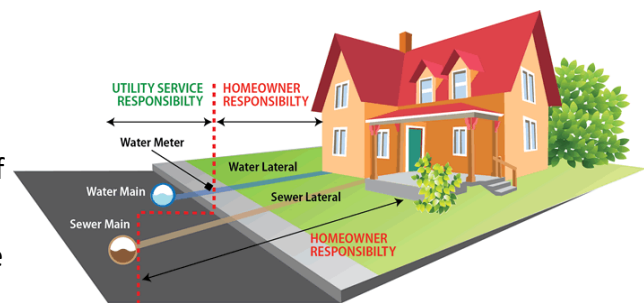
When will the sampling take place?

The samples will occur over the summer months.

What if lead is found in Samples Taken from my home?

If lead is found in a sample taken from your home or business, you can expect the following:

- The Town will notify the property owner of the lead exceedance results.
- The Town may be required to do more thorough testing if lead is found.



Can everyone participate?

The Town is required to sample 40 residential households. If more than 40 households volunteer, staff will reduce the list to the 40 that will best represent all areas of Town. To volunteer for this program, contact the Town Office at 902-752-2114 between 8:30am-4:30pm (Monday-Friday).