



WINDSOR
UTILITIES
COMMISSION

COMMUNITY LEAD SAMPLING MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT LEAD SAMPLING REGULATION

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Backgrounder:

Amendments made by the Ministry of Environment (M.O.E.) to O. Reg. 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, call for the implementation of an extended lead-testing program designed to safeguard the quality of Ontario's drinking water. Under the terms of O.Reg 170/03, "the owner of the drinking water system" is responsible for undertaking community wide testing in order to:

- Identify lead levels that do not meet the regulated level set by the Ministry
- Implement corrosion control in order to reduce lead levels measured in residential plumbing
- Monitor the success of initiatives launched to reduce the concentration of lead

Community Lead Sampling:

The Program consists of:

- Collecting samples from inside plumbing (at minimum 100 single family dwellings and 10 non-residences)
- Collecting samples in the distribution system, in close proximity to the samples collected at family dwellings and non-residences (at minimum 20 samples)

Candidates:

Windsor Utilities Commission is seeking candidates that are:

- In areas with proposed watermain replacements
- Identified as possibly having lead service pipes

Proposed Target Areas:

Wellington Ave. – College Ave. to Grove Ave.
Labadie Rd. – Ontario St. to Seminole St.

George Ave. – Tecumseh Rd. E to Grand Marais Blvd. E
Langlois Rd. – Ottawa St. to Tecumseh Rd. E
Randolph Pl. – Riverside Dr. W to University Ave. W
Vimy Ave. – Lillian Ave. to Louis Ave.

Residents within the proposed target areas will receive a participation letter.

- Testing is voluntary.
- There is no cost to the customer/volunteer.
- All information is confidential.
- All sample collectors are certified operators and Windsor Utilities Commission employees

Sampling Process:

A Windsor Utilities Commission staff member will arrange to visit your residence and collect two water samples from your kitchen tap. These samples will then be sent to an accredited lab for lead analysis. The results will be shared with you, the M.O.E. and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

Sampling Time Frame:

Sampling would occur between January – February 2012.

For further information regarding regulations, testing procedures, or sampling program, contact:

Monica Reid, Compliance Coordinator at 519-251-7300 ext. 341.

For further information on the Safe Drinking Water Act, please visit:

www.portal.gov.on.ca/ONT/portal61/drinkingwater/

**If you would like to participate in the Community Lead
Sampling Program, please contact our Call Centre
Tel: 519-255-2727 - select Option 2.**