

APPLICATION FOR LEAD TESTING ANALYSIS

Date	
Name	
Street Address (where sample is to be collected) Apt/Ste #	
City Zip Code	
Nearest Cross Street	
Phone Number ()	Phone Number 2 ()
Email Address	
Mailing Address (if different than above)	

Fees must be paid in advance with check or money order only made payable to:

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)

Fee is \$25 per Tap/Faucet/Sample

NUMBER OF SAMPLE REQUESTED _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

(# OF SAMPLES X \$25)

Send this application and payment to:

**SFPUC Water Quality Division
ATTN: Lead Program Coordinator
1657 Rollins Road
Burlingame, CA 94010**

Upon receipt of this application and payment, you will be contacted by SFPUC Water Quality Division to schedule the drop-off of the water sampling bottle/s.

For Office Use Only

Sample Location	LF#	Date Collected	Results	SDG#	Result Date Sent

If you have any questions or need to reschedule a pick-up, please contact:

Susan Soteriou (Water Service Inspector) at **(650) 652-3131/ssoteriou@sfgwater.org**
or WQD Reception Desk at **(650) 652-3100**

LEAD POISON PREVENTION

Lead in Water Testing Program

Water Quality Division
Telephone: (650) 652-3100
Toll Free Telephone: (877) 737-8297



WHAT IS LEAD AND WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Lead is a toxic metal that has damaging health effects on the human body if consumed. Young children are most susceptible to lead because their bodies absorb lead more readily than adults and are more sensitive to the damaging health effects of lead. Children who get lead into their body may develop learning or behavioral problems. Lead can damage children's brains, kidneys, and other organs. Elevated levels of lead can also cause serious health problems to pregnant women and infants.

WHERE DOES LEAD COME FROM?

Lead was used in the production of many products including paints, leaded gasoline, as well as solder and pipes in plumbing. Although the use of lead in these products has been outlawed, lead may still be present in older homes.

HOW DO KIDS GET EXPOSED TO LEAD?

Most often, young children are exposed to lead by eating dust or paint chips containing lead. Additional sources of lead include imported candies, contaminated soil, ceramic dishes with lead glazes, and water contaminated as it flows through brass faucets or pipes with lead solder.

IS LEAD IN MY WATER?

Even though drinking water is not considered a source of lead in San Francisco, families with children under 6 years of age who live in homes with older plumbing should consider testing their drinking water for lead. In the City of San Francisco's water system, the removal of lead pipe components is ongoing and is anticipated to be complete in 2026.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY HOME HAS OLDER PLUMBING?

- Run your cold water for at least 30 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking. Water in pipes and faucets might become contaminated with lead from brass faucets or lead solder when water has not been flowing from the tap for more than 6 hours.
- Use only cold tap water to drink, cook, mix juice or prepare baby formula. If you need hot water, take it from the cold water tap and heat it.
- Many water filters do not take lead out. If you buy a water filter, be sure that it says that it removes lead.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

- Inspect your home for lead hazards. Lead hazards include peeling paint and dust from remodeling or damaged paint.
- Keep children from playing in soil or dirt.
- Wash your children's hands, face, toys, and everything they put in their mouth. Wash their hands with soap and water before meals and sleeping.
- Provide your children with a balanced diet. Foods rich in iron and calcium protect children's bodies from lead.
- Ask your doctor to test your children for lead.
- For more information on other lead sources, call San Francisco Department of Public Health Children's Environmental Health Promotion at (415) 252-3800.



TO HAVE YOUR WATER TESTED FOR LEAD:

If you are a San Francisco resident, you can order a lead test for \$25.00 per tap by following the instructions on sfpub.org under "Order Lead Testing" and submit a Lead Testing Application. Participants in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program can request one lead test for free by submitting

a Lead Testing Application and completing a WIC voucher issued by a WIC office in San Francisco. For questions, call SFPUC Water Quality Division (WQD) at (650) 652-3100, Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm.