



WATER TESTING IN 2017 – LEAD/COPPER

Every three years, the City of Whitehall tests for lead and copper in the drinking water. In 2017, the City is going beyond what is required by doubling the number of samples. The EPA requires ten sample points based on a 3-tier evaluation system. Additional sample sites have been determined based on the following criteria: ① age of the water main, ② materials of the water service, and ③ the interior plumbing of the residence. **If you would like to participate or would like more information, please contact the Department of Public Works.**

Below are simple things a homeowner can do to reduce potential lead exposure:

- ① Let cold water run for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before consuming.
- ② Use only water from the cold water tap for drinking, cooking and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead.
- ③ Make sure that you clean your aerator on your faucets once a month - lead particles can collect there.
- ④ Purchase a water filtration device to fit your specific needs. Be sure to confirm that it is certified by contacting NSF International at 800-NSF-800 or go to the website www.nsf.org.

If you have any other questions please call the Department of Public Works at 231. 894.4157.