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## **City Seeking Citizens to Submit Home Water Samples for Free Lead/Copper Testing**

Wichita Falls, Texas- The City of Wichita Falls is once again preparing to obtain water samples for the federally mandated testing of lead and copper as directed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

In 2023, the Public Utilities Department is required to perform two sample collection events six months apart, using 100 sample sites each time. To meet this requirement, staff are seeking participants who live in homes built prior to 1989. Each participant will provide two samples and receive a sample report indicating lead and copper concentrations for the samples they provide.

The testing will in no way require participants to perform any sort of maintenance or alterations to their plumbing. The sampling is for City reporting to the EPA. The City treatment process eliminates the release of lead from the water piping, and this testing is required to prove that.

Sampling periods are scheduled for the weeks of April 3, 2023, and October 2, 2023. If you are willing to participate, you will be provided one sample bottle and instructions for each event on the Monday of each sample week. Samples should be taken from a kitchen or bathroom sink cold faucet that has not been used for at least six hours prior to sample collection. Laboratory staff will drop off sample bottles and collect them the next day.

To sign up for the program email Hunter Adams at [hunter.adams@wichitafallstx.gov](mailto:hunter.adams@wichitafallstx.gov) or call (940) 691-1153

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