



Once again, the Town of Renfrew will be conducting drinking water sampling and testing for lead to comply with Ontario Regulations. The town is seeking volunteer test sites in single family homes, multi-unit buildings, commercial properties, and industrial properties.

Under the provincial legislation, the municipality must test the drinking water for lead at 40 private residences, 4 non-private residences, between December 15, 2009 and April 15, 2010.

- Tests would be performed at older residences suspected of having lead pipes or pipes with lead solder.
- Homes built before the mid-1950s could have lead pipes.
- Lead solder was used to join copper pipes and was phased out in the late 1980s; any new construction done after those years should not be affected by lead in the piping system.

Since the Town must access homes to test for the presence of lead, we are looking for volunteers to allow the Town of Renfrew staff access to their homes to collect samples. There will be NO charge to the resident for the testing of the lead sample.

Each sample will total three litres in each location and the regulations obligate the town to advise tenants of the test results as soon as they are available.

The higher risk individuals affected by lead that exceeds the standards are pregnant women, infants and children under the age of 6 years old.

The Town will require permission of the property owner to take the samples. If you wish to be added to the list of potential test sites please contact the Development and Works Department, Municipal Garage, Darl Gaudette at 613-432-4147.