

# TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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## Lead and Copper Monitoring: Keeping Your Water Safe!

Lead and copper are common in our environment and plumbing systems, so it's a given that trace amounts will naturally be absorbed into the water. Monitoring of water quality is critical to our goal of providing our customers with the highest quality tap water possible. To this end, the State of Colorado requires that samples are taken at 50 pre-selected residences, within our district area, based upon standard water industry criteria.

A sample bottle and instructions are delivered to each of these pre-selected properties in September and March. The resident must collect the sample following the sampling instructions and then has two options:

- ◆ **Return the sample to our main office (10450 E. 159th Court) within one week of receiving the bottle and receive a \$50 credit on your bill** (credit will appear in one to two months); or
- ◆ Call (303) 827-9284 to schedule a pick-up of the sample at the sample site (not eligible for \$50 credit).

It's important to note that when water is in contact with pipes or plumbing that contain lead for several hours, the lead may enter the drinking water. **Homes built prior to 1986 are more likely to have plumbing containing lead, but new homes may also have lead; even "lead-free" plumbing may contain some lead.** The EPA estimates that 10 to 20 percent of a person's potential exposure to lead can come from drinking water. Infants who consume mostly formula mixed with the lead-containing water can receive 40 to 60 percent of their exposure to lead from the drinking water.

Additionally, brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free", may contribute lead to drinking water. **The law currently allows end-use brass fixtures, such as faucets, with up to eight percent lead to be labeled as "lead free".** However, plumbing fixtures labeled National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified may only contain up to two percent lead. Consumers should be aware of this when choosing fixtures and take appropriate precautions.

Anyone currently on the list of pre-selected sampling sites who would like to be removed, or for questions about sampling, call (303) 827-9284. Contact Dustin Malloy at [dustin@toddcreekvillage.org](mailto:dustin@toddcreekvillage.org) if you are interested in having your home added to the wait list for consideration of becoming a pre-selected sample site.



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