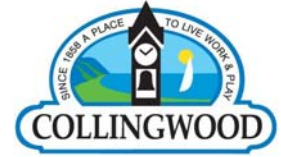




Public Notice



Lead Sampling Program

The Collingwood Public Utilities is looking for 60 Collingwood homeowners to volunteer to participate in the Town's "Lead Sampling Program" as recently mandated by the Ministry of the Environment.

In May 2007, some homes in the City of London were found to have elevated levels of lead in the drinking water resulting from lead plumbing. The Ministry of the Environment decided in June 2007 to order 36 municipalities to sample and test for lead to see if this was a widespread problem. Results showed many municipalities have elevated levels of lead in their drinking water. In July 2007 the Ministry of the Environment amended the Regulation (O. Reg 170/03) that regulates drinking water to include the sampling of residential services for lead.

Collingwood Public Utilities wishes to assure our residents that we have been diligent over the last number of years regarding the replacement of lead services up to property line and that regular distribution testing has not shown that lead is a concern in Collingwood's water. However, the mandatory Ministry program requires that the plumbing within the residence is also to be tested. Collingwood Public Utilities is therefore looking for 60 volunteer homes that may contain lead pipes or lead solder and that do not have an in-line water treatment system such as a filter or water softener. For background, lead water pipes were used in Ontario up until 1955 before being banned and lead solder up until 1990.

The sampling process will involve a trained person coming to your home to take a water sample from your kitchen tap twice yearly (once between December 15th and April 15th and the next between June 15th and October 15th). The trained person will require approximately 45 minutes per visit in order to take the sample. Sampling will take place during normal working hours (7:30am to 4:00pm).

Collingwood Public Utilities have made available sign up sheets on our web site www.collus.com or at our Stewart Road Office. Completed forms can be emailed or returned to our Stewart Road Office.

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