

PUBLIC NOTICE



LEAD SAMPLING PROGRAM

The Town of Georgina is once again looking for 30 private homeowners to volunteer to participate in the Town's "Lead Sampling Program" as mandated by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

In May 2007, some homes in the City of London were found to have elevated levels of lead in the drinking water as a result of lead plumbing. The MOE 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 MOE amended the drinking water regulation to include the sampling of residential services at the tap for lead.

The Town of Georgina has tested the distribution system for lead and has not found any elevated lead levels in the water. Lead water pipes were used until the 1950's and the use of lead in solder was banned in 1990. We therefore would prefer to test 30 older homes (at least 10 years old) that may contain lead in plumbing.

The sampling that occurred between 2008 and 2010 was a success and the MOE granted relief from sampling in 2011 and reduced sampling requirements for 2012.

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 Jan and April 15th and once between June 15th and October 15th). The trained person will require approximately 35 minutes per visit to take the sample. Sampling will take place during normal working hours (between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm).

If you are interested in having your home tested please contact Heather Young at 905-476-4301 ext 233 or email at hyoung@georgina.ca.

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