

Subject: Drinking Water Testing Locations

As communicated previously, the Niagara Falls Water Board (NFWB) is responding to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions / Improvements, a federal mandate for all drinking water systems nationally. To comply with this federal mandate, NFWB will be distributing notifications to residents with an unknown, lead or galvanized service line in mid-November with required communications on lead in drinking water. Best practices to reduce lead in drinking water are as follows:

- Clean aerators.
- Practice routine flushing (after vacations and long weekends).
- Use only certified lead-free plumbing materials as plumbing may add lead to drinking water, especially when water is not consistently in use. These materials include pipes, new brass faucets, and fittings, as well as valves.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for water softener settings.
- Let water run for 30-60 seconds or until it feels cold

Listed below are licensed laboratories that provide information, sampling instructions and containers, and analyses for drinking water:

1. Eurofins Buffalo
(716) 691-2600
10 Hazelwood Drive
Amherst, NY 14228
2. Pace Analytical
(716) 783-9291
275 Cooper Avenue, Suite 105
Tonawanda, NY 14150
3. ALS Environmental
(585) 288-5380
1565 Jefferson Road, Building 300, Suite 360
Rochester, NY 14623