



3Ts Guidance Versus Lead & Copper Rule

Description	3Ts Guidance	Lead & Copper Rule
Testing Type	Precautionary testing (EPA recommended)	Regulatory requirement
Focus of Evaluation	Building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual water outlets Lead sources associated to plumbing components containing brass (including those classified as lead free), sediments trapped in aerators, and low water use patterns. 	System-wide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine corrosivity of water Impact of supplied water on plumbing from buildings constructed between 1983-1986 (prior Lead Ban).
Target Population	Children in day care centers and schools	All distribution system consumers
Threshold	20ppb (recommended max. level of individual outlets)	15ppb (established Action Level of 90 th percentile of all samples)
Sampling Volume	250 milliliters	1 liter
Min. Holding Time	8 hours	6 hours

Lead and Copper Rule Testing is a regulatory requirement under the Safe Drinking Water Act