



## Choosing Sample Locations

The oldest known fixtures in your facility should be sampled first. Older fixtures, especially those installed before the Lead Ban Act of 1986, are more likely to contain lead.

### Follow these guidelines:

- Choose sampling sites used for human consumption, like drinking or cooking.
- Outlets used by children under the age of six or pregnant women (e.g., drinking fountains, nurse's office, early childhood education classroom, kitchen, teachers' lounges), should be sampled first.
- Sample from areas with known lead or galvanized steel pipes.
- Sample from areas with corroded plumbing.
- Choose sites that are both frequently and infrequently used. The longer the water remains in contact with plumbing materials that may contain lead, the greater the chances are for lead to leach into the water.

### If you are a **SCHOOL**, select 5 locations to sample:

- 2 water fountains
- 1 kitchen outlet used for food or drink prep
- 1 nurses office tap
- 1 classroom outlet or other outlet used for drinking

### If you are a **CHILDCARE FACILITY**, select 2 locations to sample:

- 1 kitchen outlet used for food or drink prep
- 1 water fountain (if available) or another location typically used for drinking