

Attention Public Water Systems: Community PWS may adapt this form to notify schools of their results. An electronic copy of this form is located at the MassDEP website at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/approvals/dwsforms.htm#lead>.

## LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING PROGRAM SCHOOL RESULTS

City/Town: Gardner  
 PWS Name: Gardner Water Department  
 PWS ID#: 2103000  
 Date: 11/13/2019

Name of School: The Caring Place  
 Sampling Address: 100 Central Street  
 Date Sample Collected: 10/31/2019  
 Sampling period: 4th Quarter / October 2019  
 Name of Sample Provider: Timothy Michaud Telephone No: (978) 630-8791  
 Email address: timothy.michaud@suez.com

Dear School Superintendent:

Thank you very much for your participation in the Gardner Water Department Lead and Copper Sampling Program.

The lead and copper levels in your school water samples are as follows:

KITCHEN: LEAD: 0.001 milligrams per liter (mg/l) COPPER: 0.075 mg/l  
 FOUNTAIN: LEAD: ND milligrams per liter (mg/l) COPPER: 0.025 mg/l

For schools, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Drinking Water Program (MassDEP/DWP) Action Level for Lead in school drinking water is 0.015 mg/l. The MassDEP/DWP action level is more stringent than the federal Lead Action Level. The standard for Copper is 1.3 mg/l. Even though the lead level in the water at your school is below the MassDEP/DWP Lead Action Level, the City/Town and Gardner Water Department recommend the following tips to keep any potential lead out of the water in your school:

- **Most importantly – Daily before the school is open, please flush all the taps and drinking water fountains at your school until after the water feels cold.** The flushing of the taps ensures the best quality water. The water in the pipe in the street has no lead.
- Never use hot water from the faucet for drinking or cooking.
- Never boil water to remove lead. Boiling water for an extended time may make the lead more concentrated.
- If your results were above the lead or copper action level, follow the guidance in MassDEP/DWP document titled “Recommended Remediation Actions to Reduce or Eliminate Lead Exposure from Drinking Water in Schools”. A copy of this document is located at the website address listed below.

If you have any questions regarding lead or copper in drinking water or your sampling results, please feel free to contact: Tim Michaud @ (978) 630-8791.

For more information on lead or copper in school drinking water visit the following website:  
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/lead-and-other-contaminants-in-drinking-water.html#8>.

Check box if applicable: Copy of analytical report attached  
 cc: MassDEP regional Office  
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