

To Occupant

**NEW! PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS TO MONITOR LEAD IN MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER**

In response to the amended Ontario Regulation 170/03, Drinking-Water Systems, the Town of Mississippi Mills, with the assistance of the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), will be conducting a lead sampling program between December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and again on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This letter has been mailed out to 100 area houses and 20 area businesses.

This amendment to O. Reg. 170/03 makes it mandatory for municipalities to; sample and test for lead, regularly, at a specified number of taps, within homes and other facilities and to notify the occupants of the results from their taps. The sampling results have to be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment and, also, be made available for the public to view upon request.

In order to ensure that the best representative sample is collected, sampling will be taken from the kitchen tap, or if not kitchen, at the tap most frequently used for drinking water purposes.

There is no direct charge to the homeowners for sampling done under the requirements of Ontario regulation 170/03. However, should your residence not be selected for sampling under this regulation and you still wish to have your plumbing sampled using this water test you will be charged the lab costs (approximately \$17.50 per sample).

If you are interested in volunteering for this testing program please contact Cindy Hartwick, Roads and Public Works Administrative Assistant, at 613-256-2064 ext. 258 to be added to the sampling database. The Town of Mississippi Mills will minimize any inconvenience at the time of sampling. Furthermore, all Town personnel requesting access to your residence will have a Town Photo identification Badge. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Kocialek, Director of Roads and Public Works 613-256-2064 ext. 233.

Thank you for your cooperation

Tim Kocialek  
Director of Roads and Public Works