



# NEW MEXICO LEAD ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Providing FREE Drinking Water Sampling for Schools

The New Mexico Environment Department Drinking Water Bureau and New Mexico Department of Health are partnering to provide schools with FREE voluntary sampling for lead in drinking water.

Schools which serve any grade (including Pre-K and K-12 schools) are eligible for the program. Daycares also qualify.

**FALL SAMPLING DATES:**  
**August 1 - September 30, 2019**

**The Lead Assistance Project is needed because:**

Drinking water regulations do not require testing in buildings, such as schools and daycare facilities where the health risks could be greatest for children under age 6 and pregnant women.

Contact the Lead Assistance Project TODAY to start working with us on your sampling plan.

[NMENV-DWBLeadAssistance@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-DWBLeadAssistance@state.nm.us)

Please check out the WEBSITE for more information...

## FREE Lead Monitoring Participation Process

1. **Sign up** ► send an email request to: [NMENV-DWBLeadAssistance@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-DWBLeadAssistance@state.nm.us)
2. **Identify** buildings and taps (generally water fountains or kitchens) used for drinking water that do not have any additional water filters, softeners, etc. installed, where the samples will be collected. Contact us with questions.
3. **Decide** how many sample bottles you need and order them through the program email above.
4. **Collect and label** drinking water samples following the instructions included with the bottles.
5. **Mail** water samples back to the lab to be analyzed. The DOH State Laboratory Division (SLD) will analyze the samples for lead.
6. **Lab results** will be mailed to the sample collector and the state.
7. **Assistance will be provided** in interpreting results and recommending next steps if any problems are identified.