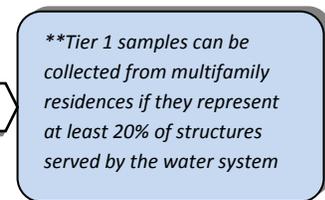
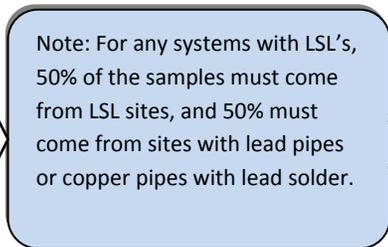
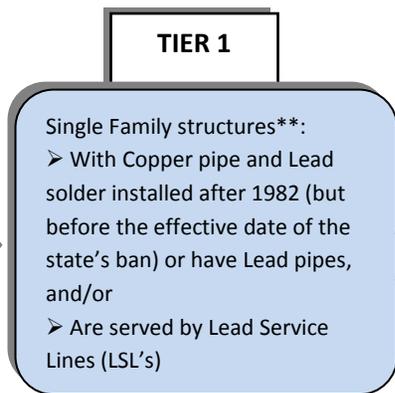


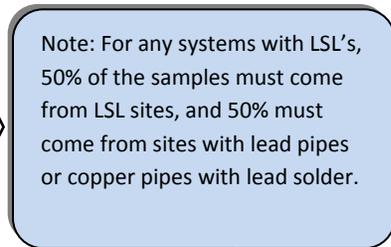
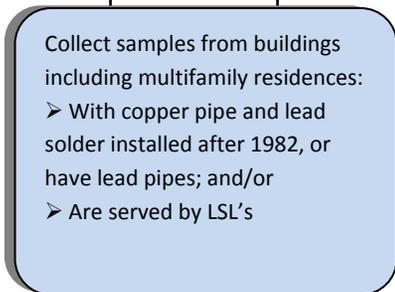
# Lead and Copper Rule: Sample Collection Criteria

Tier 1 sites are the highest priority. If systems cannot identify enough Tier 1 sites to meet their minimum sampling requirement, they must select Tier 2 sites, followed by Tier 3 sites, and then representative sites\*. The number of sites depends on the size of the population served by the system.

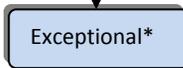
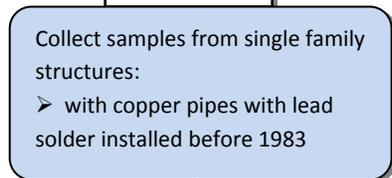
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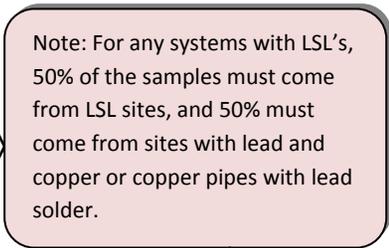
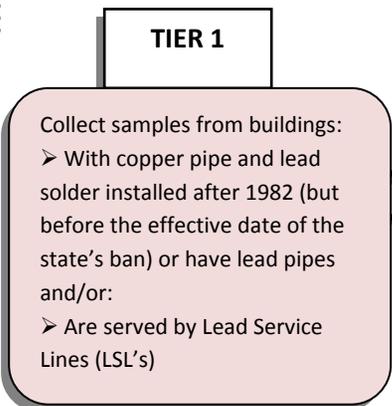
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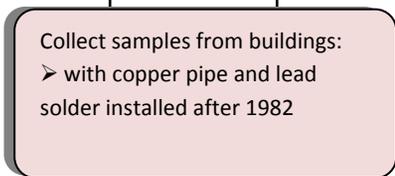
**TIER 3**



If you are a NTNCWS



**TIER 2**



**\*Representative Sites:**  
If a CWS or a NTNCWS cannot collect enough samples from tiered sites, it must collect them from sites where plumbing is similar to that used at other sites served by the water system.

**Acronyms:**  
CWS = Community Water Systems  
NTNCWS = Non-transient, Non-Community Water Systems  
LSL = Lead Service Line