

# Lead Testing Talking Points

## What CCLD Partners and Child Care Providers Should Know

### Initial testing

- All plumbing fixtures used to obtain water for drinking, cooking, preparing infant formula, or preparing food must be tested for lead at least every six years, unless the child care program uses a CCLD approved alternative water source. [Lead Testing Instructions \(CEN-0019\)](#)
  - Plumbing fixtures used **only** to obtain water for handwashing, bathing, or diaper changing do not need to be tested.
- All testing must be performed by a laboratory accredited by the Oregon Laboratory Accreditation Program. This site can be used to search for accredited Labs: <https://orelap.state.or.us/searchLabs>
  - Programs must submit all test results to CCLD within 10 calendar days of receiving the results from the laboratory.
- Lead testing documents can be emailed to [delc.leadtesting@delc.oregon.gov](mailto:delc.leadtesting@delc.oregon.gov)
- A new application will be considered incomplete without either:
  - completed lead testing, OR
  - an approved alternative water source declaration.

### Alternative Water Sources

- If the program does not use any of the on-site plumbing fixtures to obtain water for drinking, cooking, or preparing food/bottles, they must:
  - Submit a [CEN-0016 Lead Alternative Water Declaration](#) to CCLD at the time of initial application and with each renewal, identifying the alternative source of water and confirming that they do not use any on-site plumbing fixtures for drinking, cooking, or preparing food or bottles.
  - Notify CCLD if the alternative source of water changes, by submitting a new [CEN-0016 Lead Alternative Water Declaration](#).
- At each visit the licensing specialist must verify that the program has sufficient water on-site and available for use. This is dependent on the time of year (temperature), how often water is purchased, the number of children typically in care, etc.

### Lead Retesting

- Programs are required to retest faucets every 6 years, however, best practice would be that they retest PRIOR to 6 years.
- Licensing Specialists will review lead testing expiration dates at monitor visits and at the time of license renewal.
  - If a faucet has not been tested within 6 years, the child care must discontinue using that faucet until testing is completed and the results are below 15 parts per billion (ppb) of lead.
- If test results exceed maximum lead levels at or higher than 15 parts per billion, the program must stop using that faucet and submit a [Corrective Action Plan \(CEN-0015\)](#).
- Additional resources and information are available on the DELC Lead website: <https://www.oregon.gov/delc/providers/pages/lead-testing> or by calling 1-800-556-6616.
- Programs are eligible to submit receipts for reimbursement of lead testing fees. Lead Reimbursement Forms and Information are available from Western Oregon University here: <https://wou.edu/tri/forms/>