
Lead Testing (SB 550) FAQ's

When does the testing have to be completed by?

Buildings built before January 1, 1987- December 31, 2017

Buildings built in between January 2, 1987 and December 31, 2000- December 31st, 2018

Buildings built after 2000 are not required to test under SB 550

What type of buildings must be tested?

School buildings that service Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade

How many tests must I do?

You must take two 250 ml samples from each source. The first draw must be taken after the water has sat for 8 hours, but not longer than 18 hours. The second draw should be taken 30 seconds after the first draw.

Do I need to test bathroom sinks?

No. The only sources of water that need to be tested are drinking fountains, kitchen sinks used for food preparation and sinks in classrooms used for under grade 1.

I am not really sure how to go about testing, what should I do?

Contact your local water supplier and request their help. In SB 550, local water departments were given the ability to charge a fee to address cost associated with lead testing. While the school is responsible for the cost of the test, your local water supplier might be of financial and technical assistance.

Where do I send the samples when I get them?

You must have the water samples analyzed at an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Lab. A list of those labs can be found [HERE](#).

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How do I inform the public that we have done our testing?

If all your water sources test below 5 parts per billion, you may inform the public that you have done testing by posting on your website.

If you have any source that test above 5 parts per billion, you must notify parents/guardians of the test result and the location of the water source in your school via an individual notification to parents/guardians through written or electronic communication.

What If my school has already tested?

If you have already tested your water sources for lead, you must submit the results of those tests to the Department of Public Health within 120 days of the effective date of SB 550. The test must have been completed between January 1, 2013 and the effective date of SB 550 (January 16th, 2017). A minimum of one 250ml sample must have been taken from each location and the samples must have been analyzed by an Illinois EPA accredited lab.

Do I have to test right away?

SB 550 has an immediate effective date, but the first group of schools aren't required to complete testing until December 31, 2017.