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## NEWS RELEASE

### Picton Water Within Regulatory Limits for Lead

Picton, ON - In response to a Ministry of the Environment Order, issued this week to municipalities across Ontario, the County of Prince Edward conducted water sampling for lead levels in tap water within Picton. The results were well within regulatory limits.

The Order resulted from drinking-water samples taken from some taps in the City of London which contained levels of lead above drinking water standards. The Order stated: "The same situation involving excessive corrosion of lead pipes in plumbing due to water chemistry may be occurring in other municipal drinking-water systems in Ontario."

In accordance with the Order, the County selected locations that may have lead piping. Targeted homes on the following streets were tested: Maple, Broad, Main, Centre, Elm, Paul, Queen, Washburn, Church, Eyre, Head, Ferguson, Grove, Lake, Roger, West Mary, Bowery, Elk, Mary, and York. As well five hydrants were tested.

"Although we conduct all water testing in accordance with Provincial regulations, this additional testing was necessary to assure ourselves and our residents that we are not experiencing elevated levels of lead," said Matt Tracey, Director of Water and Sanitary Services.

Picton was identified as the only water service area with infrastructure that contains lead piping in the County of Prince Edward.

Further information regarding lead levels in water is available on the County website at [www.pecounty.on.ca](http://www.pecounty.on.ca). Any questions regarding the testing should be referred to Water and Sanitary Services at 613-476-3537.