

# BESSEMER UTILITIES

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## Bessemer Utilities Partnership Participation Card **WATER QUALITY MONITORING STUDY**

*Please check below to qualify as a Partner Customer:*

*Bessemer Utilities Partnership customers allow a Bessemer Utilities Lab personnel to take in-home samples. Appointments will be made prior to the Lab personnel's arrival.*

Go to [www.BessemerUtilities.com](http://www.BessemerUtilities.com) to verify this survey and for more information.

**Would you like to participate in the Bessemer Utilities Water Quality Monitoring Study?** Yes ☐ No ☐

Current Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Was your home built prior to 1980-1987?** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Has your plumbing been changed or updated since you have resided in the home?** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Do you know the age of your pipes?** Yes ☐ No ☐ Age of pipes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you had any water quality issues?**

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Discoloration ☐

Cloudiness ☐

Odor ☐

Water hardness ☐

If your home meets the requirements of the program you will receive a token of appreciation for your participation in the study; first 30 to respond. **Thank you for your consideration.**





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## Monitoring Water Quality

In the United States, an emphasis is placed on monitoring for compliance with The Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, which are administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Accordingly, responsibilities for water quality monitoring are spread among many affiliates. We monitor water quality for indications of possible corrosiveness of old infrastructure that maybe present in our water distribution system, inside of residential homes, the schools we serve, and commercial business in our areas. In addition, lead in drinking water is a concern for most water systems, and we continue to test for lead for the safety of our customers. To date, Bessemer Utilities has not found results from lead testing to be of concern.

U.S. Geological Surveys (USGS) is a Federal non-regulatory science agency possessing water quality monitoring, assessment, and research responsibilities. Water quality monitoring is used to alert us to current, ongoing, and emerging problems; to ascertain our compliance with drinking water standards; and to safeguard other beneficial uses of water. Monitoring provides the objective indicators necessary to make sound decisions on managing water quality today and in the future. By use of the USGS portal and your assistance, we can become partners protecting our water quality.

Let's work together! Be a Water Quality Partnership Customer (WQPC) with Bessemer Utilities.

