

COLLECTING WATER SAMPLE

1. You **must** use a sample container provided by an approved laboratory. **Samples in unapproved bottles will not be accepted.**
2. You should find a proper location to take sample. We suggest an outside faucet that does not leak. **(Avoid rubber hoses, dirty areas, and faucets with nearby vegetation.)**
 - It is **not** recommended to take samples from the kitchen or bathroom.
 - Avoid sampling on windy or rainy days.
 - Disinfect faucet with pure bleach and allow it to sit for a few minutes.
 - Use a toothbrush or q-tip to clean the inside and outside of faucet.
 - Allow faucet to run on full flow for three minutes to clear the line.
 - Reduce flow rate to a slow trickle to take sample. **Fill above 100ml line but leaving a 1-inch air space** at the top of sample bottle. **Lab needs more than 100ml in order to run excessive chlorine residual test on all samples. (See back of page for bottle illustration example)**
3. Be careful in handling sample bottles. **They are easily contaminated.**
 - Do **not** rinse container. **White substance in bottle is supposed to be there.**
 - Do **not** touch the inside of the bottle or lid.
 - Do **not** place lid on ground. Remove lid, collect sample, and replace lid as quickly as possible. **Airborne particles can contaminate your sample.**

SAMPLE DELIVERY

4. Samples should be prepared properly for transport. **Leaking samples will not be accepted.**
 - Sample must arrive to lab within 24 hours.
 - Sample should be placed on ice until delivered to lab.
 - Sample submission form will be provided by the lab. **Sampler name, sample point, date and time collected, and sampler contact information must be present. Lab will assist in filling out form if needed.**

Normal Sample Acceptance Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8am to 4pm
Friday: 8am-2pm
Lab Phone Number 979-864-1628

WATER SAMPLE VOLUME



Remove plastic seal before filling container.

Do not rinse out container.

Please fill so **sample has more water than the 100ml line but still has a 1-inch air space at top of sample container** as shown above.

Samples containing not enough or too much water will be rejected.