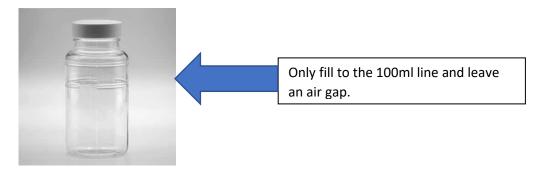


## **BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLE PROCEDURE**

- 1. Obtain a sterile bottle from the Environmental health office. Do not transfer water from any other container into this bottle, or from this bottle into another container.
- 2. Do not touch the inside of the sample bottle or cap. Do not remove the enclosed tablet or powder.
- 3. Select a clean metal faucet, tap, or hose bib which is frequently used. Do not touch the spout. Do not take sample from a leaky faucet or a hose. If taking a sample from a faucet with a screen, remove the screen first.
- 4. Run the water 3-5 minutes prior to filling sample bottle.

## The bottle must be filled to the 100ml line, or it will not be accepted.

Be sure to leave an air space above the fill line.



- 5. The water sample must be kept cool. The sample should be transported to a certified lab on ice to assure a valid sample. (See list of Labs)
- 6. Water sample tests will take up to 3 days to complete the analysis, with test results available in 2 to 4 business days.