



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.



Only fill to the 100ml line and leave an air gap.

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.