

Samples will be accepted Monday – Thursday from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

No samples will be accepted Fridays or the day before a holiday.

Sampling Instructions for Total Coliform Bacteria

1. Turn on the cold water tap and let the water run at full force for *at least* 3 minutes.
2. Reduce the flow of water.
3. Fill the sample bottle with water to just above the 100 ml line but not over the 125 mL line. Avoid splashing
4. Replace the cap and close securely.
5. Complete the form by filling in *all* highlighted sections.
6. Deliver the sample to the lab within 30 hours of collection.
(Keep sample refrigerated and/or cooled during transport)

Tips for obtaining a clean sample:

- Remove any aerators, screens, hoses, or mechanical devices attached to the faucet.
- Clean faucet with bleach on a rag before running the water.
- Use caution when sampling to not touch the inside of the bottle or cap.
- Avoid taking the sample from faucets able to swivel, such as a kitchen faucet.
- Keep the sample cool (refrigerated) until received by the laboratory. Warm or frozen samples will not be accepted.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in a false positive and may necessitate repeat sampling