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PLEASE READ BEFORE SAMPLING

Make sure you write down the date, time, and location of where the sample was taken: (well, kitchen sink, service line, bathroom, etc.)

All samples must be received within 24 hours of collection. If they are received after that time, they will exceed the 24 hour hold time, and WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

As soon as you take the sample, place in wet ice immediately to begin the chilling process. If sample is held overnight, keep in refrigerator and place in wet ice for travel to our location. **Frozen samples will not be accepted.**

All samples must be received in WET ICE (a combination of a little water & ice cubes).

Bacteria Test

Agencies requiring you to take the sample need to specify to you where the sample should be taken from. Most often the sample is taken from inside the home or after the treatment equipment at a hose bib (service line). Fill to the EPA fill line on the container. **Do not overflow or rinse container. Place in wet ice immediately.**

NOTE:

Remove screen from faucet if present. Open faucet or hose bib fully for a couple of seconds. Disinfect the faucet or hose bib with unscented household bleach, spraying the bleach around edges and up into the sampling point, let water run for 5 minutes and then proceed to fill the container. Do not use other types of disinfectant. Do not use algaecides or scented products. Do not wipe or touch the sampling tap after disinfecting or the top edge of the container.

Samples are accepted Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm On Friday samples have to be in no later than 2:00 pm. No samples will be accepted on legal holidays or the day before the holiday. You may call for further information at 239-274-2200.