

Tips for Success

1) Samples should be obtained in the late morning, on a Monday or a Tuesday.

- a. The laboratory must receive all samples within 30 hours.
- b. If possible, do not use your water for approximately 6 hours before sampling.

2) Deliver to the post office in person the same day you obtain the sample.

3) Fill out the highlighted areas on the yellow water test request form.

- 4) Obtain your sample from the faucet you use most frequently for drinking water – refer to the back of the yellow request form for additional tips.
- 5) Remove the aerator from the faucet before taking all samples.
 - a. **Metals:** Run the cold water for 15 seconds and immediately **fill the white bottle with the green cap.**
 - b. **Bacteria:** Allow the water to continue to run for another 15 seconds. Turn the water off and flame the tip of the faucet for 30 seconds. Allow cold water to run for another 5 minutes, **fill the clear bottle with the white cap.**
 - c. **Nitrates:** After collecting a bacteria sample, **fill the white bottle with the white cap.**

Test Results will be received by the Public Health Department and forwarded to you at that time.

Thank you,

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