

Water Sampling Instructions

1 - PLAN AHEAD

- Read all instructions before you begin.
- Prior to sampling, freeze cold pack for ~6 hours, or until solid.
- Wear protective gloves during sample collection.
- Mail the sample soon after collecting it.
- Refer to the Sampling Guide to understand options for sampling location and method.

Fill all containers from the same location. Each container tests for different contaminants and all such results are displayed on a single report

2 - SAMPLE COLLECTION

- Remove any aerators or other faucet attachments, if possible.
- Do not touch or rinse out the inside of the containers or lids.
- Containers may include a preservative. Try not to overflow,
- Do not inhale, and handle with caution.
- Turn off the water and disinfect the faucet:
- Wipe the opening of the faucet with the sanitizing wipe to
- Eliminate any bacteria present on the surface. Then, run water for 5 minutes to remove any residual disinfectant.
- Next, fill the small bottle
- Carefully fill the container to just below the top.

Close all lids tightly!

3 - SAMPLE INFORMATION

- Complete the paper Sample Information Card and return it with the sample.

4 - SHIPPING TO THE LAB

- Put everything back into the box.
- Place the frozen cold pack on the small bottle
- Apply the return shipping label, covering any existing label.
- Check the carrier on the return label (USPS, UPS, etc.) and drop off the package for shipment to the lab.

5 - SAMPLING LOCATION

- Collect at the location most relevant to the use case.
- If you are interested in...
 - **Final drinking water quality?** Collect from the faucet.
 - **Treatment performance?** Collect treated water.
 - **Source quality?** Collect as close to the source as possible

6 - SAMPLING METHOD OPTIONS



- **First Draw:** Collecting a sample after the water has been – stagnant in the pipes for 6+ hours may reveal plumbing-related issues. Collect the sample as soon as water flows from the tap.



- **Fully-flushed:** Running the water for 5 minutes before collecting the sample will reflect source water quality.

Close all lids tightly!

Please complete all fields



Collected by:

Date:

Time :

Sampling address:

Sampling location:

(e.g. kitchen sink)

Was this water sample treated by any filter, softener, or other device on the premises?

Yes

No

If Yes, what type(s)?