



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING WELL TEST SAMPLE

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ACCURATE TEST RESULTS

NOTE: Please collect the samples immediately before leaving the house to bring the sample in, some samples have a short holding time. Make sure your samples are labeled with your name, address and date sample was taken. Complete your Return form, Chain of Custody form (in highlighted areas). **Please keep sample cool until delivery.** Do not take the sample from a swing type faucet or a faucet that leaks around its stem as that may introduce contaminants to your system. Ideally the sample source should be as close to the main line from the well as possible. By-pass any hoses, treatment or water filtration devices before taking the sample. If this is not possible, please note this on your paperwork. If testing for **LEAD**, collect this sample before running the water to clear the line.

STERILE SAMPLE FOR COLIFORM BACTERIA: (Sealed plastic bottle with white particles)

- DO NOT open the sample bottle until you are ready to fill it
- Remove the aerator or screen (if the faucet has one)
- Turn on cold water, allow to run at least 15 minutes to clear the line
- Shut off the water and flame the opening of the tap with matches or lighter to kill germs on the opening, or if your faucet has plastic parts, swab the tap with rubbing alcohol to sterilize
- Turn on water again and run for 15 seconds. Remove the plastic seal and open lid, being very careful not to touch the inner surface of the bottle or lid. If the plastic seal falls in the bottle it can contaminate your sample
- DO NOT RINSE THE BOTTLE. Hold the bottle upright near the base while filling. Avoid splashing. Make sure to fill the bottle to the top
- Replace the lid, making sure it is on tightly
- Fill out the sample card with your name, collection time and date, and sample location and attach it to the bottle.

NITRATE: (Plastic Jar)

- DO NOT RINSE THE JAR. Collect the sample
- Replace lid and fill out sample card and attach to jar

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL TESTS

LEAD: (Plastic Jar)

- The Lead sample should be collected BEFORE running the water to clear the line. This sample will represent the water that has been "standing" in your pipes
- DO NOT RINSE THE Jar. Collect the sample
- Replace lid and fill out sample card and attach to bottle

PESTICIDES: (2 Glass Vials)

- Fill the vials with the sample and then label

VOS: (Volatile Organic Scan- 2 Glass Vials)

- Instructions are included in the VOS kit
- Please read instructions very carefully
- MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO BUBBLES IN THE VIALS

IRON, MANGANESE AND ARSENIC: (Plastic Jar)

- DO NOT RINSE THE JAR
- Fill plastic jar with sample
- Replace lid and fill out sample card and attach to jar