



DIRECTIONS FOR TAKING BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLES:

1. Bacteriological samples must be collected in a sterile container provided by EnviroTest Laboratories. Keep bottle sealed until ready to use.
2. If there is an aerator screen in use on the faucet, remove it prior to sample collection.
3. Flame the faucet tap to prevent any contamination by handling.
4. Turn on the cold water. Let it run for 5 to 20 minutes or longer if the system has not been used regularly.
5. Unseal the sample bottle, making sure that only the water to be analyzed comes in contact with the inside of the bottle or the inside of the cap.
6. Fill the bottle to the shoulder, taking care not to let the water contact the hands and then run into the bottle.
7. Seal the bottle tightly and deliver to the laboratory within 24 hours. Samples to be mailed, must be taken to the Post Office early in the day any Monday through Thursday, and sent **FIRST CLASS SPECIAL DELIVERY** in order to be received within the recommended time period.