

# How to Take a Water Sample

Water samples must be returned to the lab within 30 hours of the time they were collected. Clean Water Testing is open Monday through Friday, please plan accordingly for weekends and holidays.

## Preparing to Collect Your Water Sample

1. Disinfect your hands by washing them thoroughly with soap and water.
2. Turn on your bathtub's cold water and allow it to run during the entire sampling process (approximately 10 minutes).
3. Decide where you would like to collect the water sample from. The sample faucet located next to the pressure tank is a good source; however, any rigid, metal faucet will work.
4. Remove any faucet screens, attachments, or hoses and flush the fixture for at least five minutes.
5. After five minutes, slow the water flow to minimize splashing.



## Obtaining the Water Sample

6. Remove the cover from the sample bottle, being careful not to touch the inside of the cover or the mouth of the bottle.
7. Fill the sample bottle to the fill line marked on the bottle OR 1" from the top if the bottle does not have a fill line. Do not rinse or overfill the bottle. Replace cap securely. If your kit contains multiple bottles, repeat this step until all bottles have been filled. Turn off all running water.
8. Complete the lab slip as fully as possible and place in the return packaging with the sample bottle(s). Your water sample will not be analyzed if the front of this form is not completed.
9. Return package to our office, deliver to a post office for mailing, or select a shipping service to return the sample to Clean Water Testing. Please return samples within 30 hours from the time that you collect the sample!

