

Guidelines for Drinking Water Sampling

[**Important!!** Label the coliform cup in some form so that it can be positively linked to a sample description on the chain of custody.]

Select any non-leaking downward directed faucet. *Preferably not the kitchen sink.* Remove any device connected to the faucet. Hold a cup of full-strength laundry bleach on the faucet for 2 minutes, and then pour over the faucet. Turn on water and rinse the faucet with water (using the bleach cup) and let the water continue to run for at least 5 minutes.

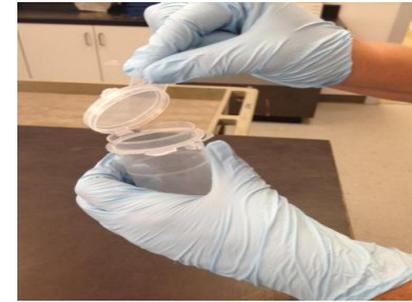
1. Disinfect hands or put on gloves
2. Being careful not to touch the inside of the rim or container, pop open the lid on the coliform cup
3. Pull the tab and open the lid wide open. (Be careful not to cough, sneeze, or breath over the cup while uncapped.)
4. Fill the container to the 100 mL line. (Be careful nothing falls off of the faucet into the coliform cup)
5. Using the top of the cap, push the lid closed until it snaps shut.
6. Push the locking tab down to minimize possible opening and loss of sample.

Bring in you samples, on ice, to Advanced Environmental Labs, Inc. If absolutely necessary, the sample may be refrigerated overnight, but turned in within 24 hours of sampling. Anything after 24 hours will be charged a rush fee.

In the event of a Positive result, we will contact you as soon as possible. All results will be emailed, faxed, or mailed to you, the client, not DOH or DEP.



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