

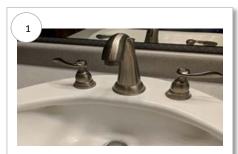
Drinking Water Collection Instructions

TOTAL COLIFORM and E.coli Bacteria



Bottle is sterile and contains sodium thiosulfate for chlorine neutralization (when necessary).

DO NOT RINSE OUT BOTTLE. DO NOT TOUCH INSIDE BOTTLE OR LID.



Choose a faucet.

Choose an indoor faucet without a sprayer or swivel. Do not use a leaking faucet.



Remove the aerator screen.

Not all faucets have aerators. If there is an aeration screen, remove it. If it does not come off, choose a different faucet.



Flush the cold water line. *

Turn the cold water to a moderate flow so it doesn't splash. Let the water run for 2 – 3 minutes to flush out the line.



Reduce the water stream.

Reduce the water flow to a slow, gentle stream so it does not splash out of the bottle.



Fill bottle to 120 mL line.

Hold the cap; slowly fill the bottle to 120 mL line. **Do not overfill or pour out.**



Label bottle, complete form.

Bottle must indicate the owner name, location, date and time of collection. Complete the sample collection form.

BEFORE SAMPLE COLLECTION



* When outside sample collection is necessary, longer flushing (10-15 minutes) is required, and possibly faucet disinfection (flame or chlorine; one tsp bleach/one gallon water)



Prepare to promptly ship sample to ensure its arrival at the laboratory within 48 hours of collection. Plan accordingly for sample delivery during business hours; avoid Friday, weekend and holiday mailings.

AFTER SAMPLE COLLECTION

Immediately return to the lab. Samples must arrive within 48 hours.

Mailing/Shipping:

Send immediately by USPS, UPS or FedEx (ground)

In-Person Delivery:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday Coralville, Ankeny, or Lakeside Lab

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday Coralville Lab only