

Coliform, Nitrates, Iron Bacteria

1. Collect samples during the first part of the week and ship immediately. **When testing for coliform bacteria, the samples will be considered void if not received at the laboratory within the 30 hour holding time and you will be asked to re-sample. Please ship GUARANTEED OVERNIGHT/EXPRESS to MVTL to meet the holding times.**
2. The enclosed sterilized bottles are to be used for sampling drinking and domestic water supplies. Be careful not to touch the inside of the bottles or caps at any time.
3. Samples should be collected from an outside source (hydrant or spigot) prior to water softening or water treatment.
4. Sterilize the faucet spout with a butane torch or other flame. Heat the spout thoroughly. You may use rubbing alcohol to sterilize the faucet if a butane lighter is not available or when heating may cause damage to the fixture or faucet.
5. Let the water run for 5 minutes through a hydrant or single cold water faucet. Do not sample swing neck or kitchen sink faucets.
6. After allowing the water to run for 5 minutes, fill the sample bottles completely.
7. Label each individual container appropriately and place the sample bottles in the box with the completed information sheet.

ARSENIC, FLUORIDE, HARDNESS, IRON, NITRATE + NITRITE, MANGANESE, SULFATE

Take sample from outside source (hose spigot) no sterilization is required.

Lead

Lead is sampled from within the house, and requires "First Draw". This means water pipes MUST sit without being used for a minimum six hours. You will fill the container with the first burst of water from the kitchen faucet. No sterilization is required.

Call customer service @ (800) 782-3557, if you have questions regarding your bottles or sampling procedures.

**PLEASE SEND PAYMENT WITH YOUR SAMPLES. READ INSTRUCTIONS
BEFORE COLLECTING YOUR WATER SAMPLES.**

**SEND SAMPLES TO:
MINNESOTA VALLEY TESTING LABORATORIES
1126 NORTH FRONT STREET, BUILDING 2
NEW ULM, MN 56073**