

SAMPLING PROCEDURE FOR BACTERIA IN WATER

1. Telephone the T.R.C.S.D. office prior to taking the water sample to be certain the office is open and staffed.
2. Use only the bottle provided by the T.R.C.S.D. Do not empty or rinse the bottle prior to filling.
3. Choose a sampling tap that is in a clean environment. Consider protection from contamination from animals, airborne materials, and other sources. It should be a tap that is in frequent use and clean. Select a tap that does not have an aerator, strainer, or other attachment if possible.
4. Flush the line sufficiently to draw water representative of the normal quality of the drinking water supply (approximately three minutes). Hold the bottle at or near the bottom and remove the cap from the test bottle provided. Do not touch the inside of the cap or the lip of the bottle. Only the water being tested should be permitted to come in contact with the inside of the bottle or lid. Do not allow the bottle to overflow.
5. Slowly fill the bottle to approximately the line shown on the bottle. Replace the cap on the bottle and then turn off the tap.
6. Place the bottle in a suitable container for transport to T.R.C.S.D. The use of an ice cooler for storage is recommended if the sample cannot be delivered within one hour. Even under iced conditions, the sample must be delivered within four hours.

Test conducted Monday through Thursday only from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone before taking sample – 559-561-3480