

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING & SHIPPING WATER SAMPLES

- 1) Handle sample containers as follows:
 - Do not touch the inside of the container or cap.
 - Do not let the container touch the faucet.
 - Do not set the cap down where it may become contaminated.
- 2) Samples may be taken from the well or from a household faucet.
- 3) Use cold water only. Do not use faucets with filters or hoses. Remove the aerator if there is one.
- 4) Flush the system for several minutes until the temperature stabilizes. Reduce the flow to fill the bottles without splashing or spilling.
- 5) **For real estate samples:**
Collect bacteria (coliform and E.coli) samples using the small, clear bottle which contains a white powder, do not dump or rinse it out. Fill the bottle to at least the 100mL line but do not allow it to overflow. The other two, slightly opaque bottles are for nitrate and arsenic. Fill these bottles to the shoulder.
- 6) Fill out bottle labels and the chain of custody form as **completely** as possible. Be sure to include sample location, collection date and time, collector's name, as well as the test(s) and turnaround time requested.
- 7) If you are going to hand deliver the sample, do so immediately or place it in the refrigerator until you transport it. The sample must be brought to the laboratory **on ice within 24 hours**.
- 8) You may use the drop box after hours at the Corvallis or Portland locations.
- 9) If you are going to ship the sample, pack it with sufficient double-bagged ice to maintain a temperature of 4^oC until it arrives at the lab. Water samples must be kept cold (4^oC) but not frozen during transport.
- 10) Ship samples within 8 hours of collection. Using overnight service ensures the samples are received within 24 hours.
- 11) Testing can take up to 10-15 business days. If you need results sooner, expedited turnarounds of 5 and 3 business days are available. There is a surcharge for these quicker processing times; please call the desired lab for pricing information.
- 12) General sampling instructions and videos available on our website or use this QR Code:
www.edgeanalytical.com/environmental-testing-company-instructions



KEEP SAMPLES COLD!
The Lab Must Receive Samples ON ICE Within 24 Hours After Collection

Call our lab to confirm where to bring your samples.

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If you ship samples or leave them in the drop box, please include payment in the form of a check or credit/debit card, NO CASH.

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