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BACTERIAL SAMPLING PROCEDURE FOR DRINKING WATER

Thank you for choosing Environmental Service Laboratories, Inc. for your drinking water testing needs. Below are detailed instructions for proper sample collection:

1. To ensure sample integrity, wash your hands and/or wear gloves during sampling.
2. Before you begin remove the screen from the faucet if applicable. Wipe the faucet with a Clorox wipe and/or bleach.
3. Use COLD water only. Let the water run for 3 – 6 minutes before sampling.
4. Remove the plastic tamper-proof seal on the sample container. Unscrew the lid from the sample bottle, being very careful to not touch the sample bottle's interior. **DO NOT RINSE the sample bottle**; the white powder is Sodium Thiosulfate, a non-hazardous chemical preservative that is necessary for analysis.
5. Fill sample bottle at least to the neck. **DO NOT OVERFILL the sample bottle.**
6. Close the lid securely and place on ice. **Transport the sample to the lab ON ICE** as soon as possible after collection **within 24 hours of the sample time.** *Payment required upon receipt. We accept cash, check or credit card.*
7. Please complete the following information:

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____ _____	Date Sampled: _____
	Time Sampled: _____
Email: _____	Report Delivery: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Sample Supply: <input type="checkbox"/> Drilled Well <input type="checkbox"/> Dug Well <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Sampling Point: <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Faucet <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom <input type="checkbox"/> Outside	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bailed From Well <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Tank <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

* Please remember to keep the sample cold and to return it to our lab within 24 hours.
* It is strongly recommended that your water be tested for bacteria twice a year!

SAMPLE MUST BE RECEIVED ON ICE
LAB HOURS: 8AM – 5PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY