

Water Collection Instructions

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

Bottles are sterile and may contain chemical preservatives.
In case of contact with skin or clothes, immediately rinse with water.

BEFORE SAMPLE COLLECTION



Prepare to ship the sample using the shipping label.

SAMPLING STEPS

- 1. Choose a faucet.**
 - Choose an outdoor faucet before the water treatment system. Make sure you collect the water sample without treatment (water softeners etc).
- 2. Flush the water line.**
 - Turn the water to a moderate flow like a pencil so it does not splash or introduce aeration. Let the water run for 2 – 3 minutes to flush out the line.
- 3. Reduce the water stream.**
 - Reduce the water flow to a slow, gentle stream so it does not splash out of the bottle.
- 4. Fill the bottle to the shoulder.**
 - Slowly fill the bottle to the shoulder, but not to the top. **Do not** overfill or pour out.
- 5. Label the bottle.**

AFTER SAMPLE COLLECTION

Pack the following items:

- **Filled and labeled bottle.**
- **Completed Sample Collection Form.**
Note the date, time and location of collection. This should match the bottle label. Place the form in a plastic bag for protection.

Return to the lab:

Mail:

Use the provided return shipping label and place in your outgoing mail.

In-Person Delivery:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
Houston Public Health lab
2250 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030

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