

Water Sample Instructions for Bacteriological Examination

As of July 1, 2013 there is only one (1) local lab for water sample testing. The Division of Environmental Health does not perform water sample tests. However, you may pick up sample water bottles for your use at Environmental Health located at 922 Bevins Court in Lakeport. Alpha Labs will pick up water samples Monday - Thursday at the Environmental Health office. Samples must be turned in before noon (12 PM).

Following are the sample instructions and contact information for the lab.

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1. Remove aerator or mesh screen if the faucet has one.
2. Using a clean cloth, swab outside faucet and inside the mouth of the faucet with a solution of ½ bleach and ½ water. Let stand for one minute before proceeding.
3. Turn cold water on and let it run for 3 – 5 minutes.
4. Remove the sanitary seal, then remove the lid from Alpha Analytical sample bottle. Be careful not to touch the inside of the bottle or lid with fingers. **DO NOT** lay the lid down while sampling.
5. Turn the water flow down to a nice slow stream; fill the bottle to the 100ml mark. (Do not rinse out or overfill the bottle; a chemical tablet or powder is present to help insure a valid test.)
6. Replace the lid and tighten immediately. Return the sample to the lab the same day or at least within 20 hours from sampling time.
7. Keep sample cool during delivery to the lab, using an ice chest is always a good idea.
8. **Please be aware that it is our policy that the results of your analyses will be released after we receive payment in full. Please contact Alpha Labs regarding the cost of tests. Please include a phone number and your mailing address on the form.**