



# Home Well Water Testing

All well water samples should be collected from the first draw of water out of the kitchen faucet or from the faucet used most often for drinking. A first draw water sample is collected (after a minimum of 6 hours, but not more than a 12 hour period) during which time there was no water usage from that faucet prior to sampling. Either early morning or evening upon returning from home are the best sampling times to ensure a good sample. Place a clean sample container below the faucet and gently open the cold water tap to fill sample bottles. At least a 1 pint (500 mL) is needed for most samples. [Water Sampling Instructions](#)

**Recommended Baseline Water Tests for Home Wells-** Expanded Water Test and Bacteria Test

**Expanded Water Test (W2)**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to receive your results: Email                      OR    snail mail

**Bacteria test vs. Mineral Test - You may need both, but they have different handling instructions**

Bacteria testing is time sensitive. You purchase a kit with specific instructions that you must follow in order to get reliable test results. You will then need to ship the sample overnight (a label is included and shipping costs are included in the fee for the test). If you are testing for bacteria, you do not need to complete the lower portion of this form.

Mineral testing will give you results for common minerals found in water. You may obtain a sample container from the office or sterilize a pint jar and take the sample from the tap. Cover with saran wrap and then the jar lid and bring the sample to our office.

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**Mineral Test Requested**

Household water well                      Irrigation Well                      Fish pond                      Other

**Household Water Test will give the following results:** Water pH, hardness, saturation index, alkalinity, conductivity, m