



Rick Scott
Governor

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

FOSTER HOME

Lee County Health Department

WATER SAMPLE SUBMITTAL TIMES:

Fort Myers Office:

60 Danley Drive, Unit #1
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
(239) 274-2200

Between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday
SAMPLES NOT ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY
FEE: \$15.00 per sample

SAMPLE BOTTLES ARE DISPENSED DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

PLEASE READ:

WATER SAMPLES MUST BE KEPT ON ICE!

Refrigerate and/or transport in iced cooler. SAMPLES MUST BE ON ICE, BUT NOT FROZEN!

WATER SAMPLES OVER 24 HOURS OLD WILL BE REJECTED

PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLES:

Checks payable to Lee County Health Department and due when sample submitted.

- ✓ Collect water sample AFTER treatment equipment, from faucet that provides water for human consumption.
- ✓ Remove faucet screen if applicable, Disinfect faucet with household bleach. A spray bottle filled with bleach works best.
- ✓ Flush line by running water for three to five minutes before sampling
- ✓ **Remove** red strip of paper from cap, Throw red strip away. Remove cap carefully, fill bottle to “EPA FILL LINE”. Stream of water should go directly into bottle without spraying or splashing. **DO NOT TOUCH MOUTH OF BOTTLE OR CAP, DO NOT LET WATER RUN FROM YOUR HAND INTO BOTTLE**
- ✓ Screw cap back on bottle.
Print system name on sample **bottle, (NOT on cap)** using permanent marker.
- ✓ Keep on ice, **not frozen**, until submitted.
- ✓ **Sample will be rejected if it is over 24 hours old, if it has not been kept cold or if the sample has excessive chlorine.**
- ✓ COMPLETE BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLE FORM:
 - a. System name is name of facility (i.e.: Smith Foster Home)
 - b. Telephone number in appropriate areas
 - c. Include complete mailing address at bottom, left side of form
 - d. Date and time sample collected and where collected



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