



BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS

Environmental Engineering
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

NO SAMPLES ACCEPTED ON FRIDAYS

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 an iced cooler. **MUST BE KEPT ICED, BUT NOT FROZEN!**

WATER SAMPLES OVER 24 HOURS OLD WILL BE REJECTED

PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLES:

FEE: \$15.00

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

- ✓ Collect water sample from outside faucet closest to the well. **DO NOT** collect water from kitchen or bathroom. RAW WATER ONLY
 - ✓ Disinfect faucet with household bleach. A spray bottle filled with bleach works best. **DO NOT TOUCH FAUCET** after disinfection process
 - ✓ Flush line by running water from faucet for **EIGHT TO TEN** minutes
- Open container by pushing up on cap where indicated. **NOTE:** Do **NOT** use if arrow was broken, Do **NOT** take pill out.
- ✓ Fill bottle to **“EPA FILL LINE”**. Stream of water should go directly from faucet to bottle without spraying or splashing. **DO NOT TOUCH MOUTH OF BOTTLE OR CAP, DO NOT LET WATER RUN OVER HAND INTO BOTTLE**
 - ✓ Close container by pressing cap from hinge side until it securely snaps shut. Put tie through hole on lid and pull through.

Print your name on sample bottle using permanent marker

- ✓ Keep on ice, **not frozen**, until submitted. **Sample will be rejected if over 24 hours old or if it has not been kept iced**
- ✓ **COMPLETE BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLE FORM AT TIME OF SAMPLE COLLECTION** and include:
 - a. System name is name of homeowner
 - b. Telephone number in appropriate areas
 - c. Include complete mailing address in square at bottom of form
 - d. Date and time sample collected