



## Daily Laboratories

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### **Instructions for the collection of a potability water sample**

You will need a sterile container. If the water you are testing has been chlorinated or is from a municipal water supply, the container should contain sodium thiosulfate. The sodium thiosulfate in our collection containers is a small pellet. Do not dump it out.

Clean the faucet or spigot you will be collecting from. Remove any attachments such as screens or aerators. Do not use bleach. Rinse the faucet.

Open the cold water faucet and allow the faucet to run forcefully for 1-2 minutes. Open the container. Do not dump the pellet out. Fill the container to at least the upper fill line. Close the container and fold down the tab. Pull the strip through the slot to lock the lid down. ( If the container is a Thio-Bag, tear off the top at the score line. Pull the tabs outward to open bag. Fill. Pull the wire ends to close the bag. Roll the wire or whirl the bag 2-3 complete revolutions around the wire. Turn the wire ends inward to seal.)

Mark the sample with identification. The data can be written on the container or included on a separate sheet. Data required is location, date & time collected, name of collector, tests requested. Slip the container into a plastic bag and close.

Deliver the sample to the laboratory by hand or shipped overnight. The sample must be tested within 30 hours after collection.

#### Tips

Do not touch the inside of the container.

Avoid outside faucets.

Avoid faucets connected to cisterns, softeners, pumps, pressure tanks or hot water heaters.

Faucets positioned close to sink or ground.

Leaky faucets