



## TOTAL COLIFORM SAMPLING

**Office hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 to 4:30. You may pick up a sample container anytime during those hours.**

**\*\*\*COLIFORM SAMPLES MAY BE DROPPED OFF:  
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 8:00 TO 4:00.**

**\*\*\*NO SAMPLES RECEIVED THE DAY BEFORE A HOLIDAY OR FRIDAY**

### **\*\*\*PRIOR TO TAKING SAMPLES**

\*Some lending institutions require a third party sampler. Please confirm with your lender.

\*Total Coliform is the standard test required by most lending institutions. Please check with your lender for their requirements. Micro Methods does not make that decision.

Sample point should be as close to the well as possible.  
Most have a water tap coming off the tank.

Connect a hose to the well to run water away from area then turn on halfway.

Flush existing (occupied residence) well for 2-3 days, new well for 7-10 days.

When you are ready to sample:

1. Turn off the tap and remove the hose.
2. Disinfect the tap by burning with a hand torch or cleaning thoroughly with rubbing alcohol.
3. Turn on tap and allow water to run 1-2 minutes.
4. The sterile container contains a powder. Do not discard. Fill the sterile container to fill line (100ml mark). **WARNING: If the sample is over or under filled it will be rejected and the sample will need to be retaken.**
5. Seal container and put on ice if not taken to lab within 1 hour.

The sample must be received by the laboratory within 24 hours.

No samples received on Friday or the day before a holiday.

The written report should be ready within 48 hours. Call before pick-up to make sure the report is ready.

\*\*Samples will not be accepted without payment. In the event your sample fails and needs to be re-sampled there will be another charge. Please contact the office for pricing.

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