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Bacteria Sample Collection Instructions For Presence Absence and MPN Analysis

Please follow these instructions carefully!

You have been given a clear 250 ml sample bottle. This is a sterile container. The liquid or small pellet inside is sodium thiosulfate and is to counteract any chlorine in the water. When taking the sample, please be careful to keep your hands or anything else from touching the inside of the bottle or lid. This could possibly allow some bacteria inside the bottle and affect your result. Also, when removing the lid, do not allow the underside to turn face up so something could fall into it.

Collecting the sample:

- 1) Remove the aerator from the kitchen faucet and run the water for at least 5 minutes.
- 2) Remove the lid from the bacteria sample collection bottle. Fill the bottle to the line or the "100 ml" mark and secure the lid immediately.
- 5) Fill in the label on the bottle being careful to note the date and time sampled.
- 6) Refrigerate the sample. You have 24 hours to return it to the lab. Hand delivery or overnight mail is required. A ziploc bag with wet ice is adequate for chilling.