

WELL WATER SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS:

A test kit can be purchased in Room 100 of the Fulton County Health Dept. any day Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The \$20.00 fee includes testing and shipping fees.

All water samples must be collected on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday and brought to Room 100 by 3:30 p.m. on the same day they were collected. (Make sure it is not a holiday.)

Both bottles in the kit must be filled and both forms completed.

Where to Collect the Sample:

- Both bottles must be collected from the same location.
- Take from a faucet that does not swivel. Usually a faucet in the bathroom is the best place to collect the sample.
- If the faucet has a screen, it will need to be removed prior to collecting the sample, because it may contain bacteria.
- Note: If chlorine is detected in the sample, it will be thrown out by the lab.

Prepare the Faucet:

- Remove the screen from the faucet (if there is one)
- Wash your hands, then dry them on a clean towel or paper towel.
- Use an alcohol wipe to clean the inside and edges of the faucet where the water comes out. Alternatively, flame the end of the faucet with a lighter to kill bacteria that may be on the faucet.
Note: Make sure the faucet is metal if you decide to flame it.

- Turn on the cold water and let it run for a while to get fresh water from the well. Do not run on full pressure -- a steady stream is best.

Collect the Sample:

- Remove the seal from the collection bottle.
- Remove the lid and hold in one hand while using the other hand to hold bottle to collect the water sample. Do not lay the lid down or touch the inside of the lid or inside the bottle.
- Fill to the top line on the bottle with cold water.
- Replace lid tightly on the bottle.
- Repeat with second bottle.

Complete the forms that come with the bottles, including the time the sample was collected. Be sure to provide your correct mailing address if it is different than the address where sample was collected. Place forms inside the boxes with the samples.

Take the samples to Room 100 of the Fulton County Health Department on the same day they were collected (must be a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday), before 3:30 pm.

Results will be mailed to you in 7-14 days.

Questions? Call 309-647-1134, Ext. 230