

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BATHING WATER SAMPLING

These instructions apply to lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, pools and beaches.

1. Sampling procedure:

- a) Samples are to be taken at a point where the depth of the water is three feet (for streams and pools it should be taken several feet away from the water's edge, i.e. mid stream) and should not include any bottom soil or plant material and a minimum of algae.
- b) If wading into the water to take the sample, an extension pole should be used to take the sample three feet away from the disturbed waters.
- c) Samples should be taken at a depth of 6 to 12 inches when possible.

2. Samples should be collected and brought to the lab immediately.

Samples may be kept cold and brought to the lab within 4 hours.

Samples cannot be held overnight!

3. Samples can be collected and brought to the lab MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY AND THE SAMPLES MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 2:00 PM!

4. Written results are available 72 hours after a sample is received. There is no swimming rating given with this testing. The water either passes or fails the applicable standards.

5. There is a charge for this testing.

(Do not detach)

Collected by: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____
(NAME)

Water source: _____ from: _____
(STREAM, POOL, BEACH, ETC...) (DESCRIBE THE LOCATION, indicate if fresh or marine water)

Address where water was taken: _____
(NUMBER) (STREET NAME) (TOWN)

Report to be sent to: _____ Phone: _____

(NUMBER) (STREET NAME) (TOWN) (ZIP)

Reason for test Or complaint about water: _____

(Lab use only)

Enterococcus colonies/100mL: _____ free Cl₂ (mg/L): _____

Total coliform colonies/100 mL: _____ total Cl₂ (mg/L): _____

Fecal coliform colonies/100 mL: _____ Nitrogen as NO₂ (mg/L): _____

E. Coli colonies/100 mL: _____ Nitrogen as NO₃ (mg/L): _____

Aerobic plate count colonies/1mL: _____ / _____ Phosphorous as PO₄ (mg/L): _____

Other Tests: _____ : _____