

How to Use your Water Testing Kit for Homeowners, Homeowners PLUS, or Newborn Bundles



Bundles require two sample bottles.
Your kit includes: (1) BLUE label bottle and (1) WHITE label bottle

IMPORTANT:

! Do NOT flush toilets, turn on shower, or start appliances that use water before taking the samples.

We recommend collecting the samples right away in the morning. Water needs to sit in lines for at least 6 hours before collecting the samples.



How to collect your water samples:

1 Choose a faucet.

- Choose the faucet you use the most for drinking and cooking.

2 Collect the BLUE label bottle first.

- Put the BLUE label bottle under the cold water faucet and turn on the water.
 - Do NOT rinse the bottle.
- Fill the bottle to the fill line (on bottle label).
- Screw the cap on tight.

3 (Optional): Sterilize the faucet.

- For best BACTERIA results, sterilize the faucet before sampling.
- Sterilize with a bleach solution or isopropyl alcohol solution. Soak the end of the faucet in a solution of 1/2 cups bleach & 4 1/2 cups water, or isopropyl alcohol for 30 seconds.
- Do NOT touch the tap after sterilizing.

4 Collect the WHITE label bottle next.

- Let the cold water run for at least 2 minutes at a medium flow. Do NOT touch or turn off the tap until the sample has been collected.
- Take the cap off the white label sample bottle and put the cap on a clean surface, open side up. Do NOT touch the lip of the bottle or the inside of the cap.
- Fill the bottle to the fill line (on bottle label).
- Screw the cap on tight. Be careful not to touch the lip of the bottle or inside of the cap. Make sure that the sticker tab on the bottle does not go under the lid.

5 Fill out form and return water samples to us!

- Fill out the water sample testing form.
- Refrigerate samples or keep them cool (don't freeze) until you drop off.
- Return your samples during the times listed below.

Where to drop off your water sample:

Hours: Monday-Thursday (no Fridays), 8am-4pm
*Varies around holidays

Location: Eau Claire City-County Health Department
720 Second Ave. (ground floor)
Eau Claire WI, 54703

Questions?

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