

Water Sampling Tips and Tricks

Samples are all to be chilled immediately to reach a temperature of >0 to 6°C . Regulations allow samples to be received outside approved range if sampled the same day and chilled immediately. Temperatures will be recorded when received at the lab. We have found that loose ice cubes are the best way to get samples to the proper temperature as quickly as possible.

Our courier will be carrying coolers with ice for all samples that she retrieves that are not in coolers containing ice.

Metals only samples are the exception and do not require chilling.

For samples being sent by UPS/FedEx/USPS we suggest placing the samples in Ziploc bags with loose ice, then double bagging to prevent leaking so the coolers are not rejected by carrier. Additional ice or ice packs are also suggested to keep temperature in approved range.

Please be aware, tests with a short holding time that are received on Fridays may incur extra fees.

Coliforms received on a Friday will incur a \$110 weekend read fee.

BODs that must be set up on a Monday or Tuesday (sampled on Saturday or Sunday) will incur a \$100 weekend read fee.

Samples that require an analyst to come in on a holiday weekend will incur a \$600 fee.

Coliform-Total, Fecal, Ecoli (6 hours)

Hexavalent Chromium (24 hours)

Turbidity, BOD, Nitrate, Nitrite, Orthophosphate (48 hours)

pH (15 minutes) : Please write all field pH results on Chain of Custody along with date and time taken.

Dissolved samples must be filtered in the field. Please contact us with questions about a field filtering set-up.

Please help us prepare for your samples. If you will have short hold items coming in please contact us by phone or email to let us know.

We request 48 hours advance notice for pick-ups and bottle kit requests. We realize that weather is unpredictable and we are always willing to work with you, but our courier can only fit so many pick-ups in a day and it is first come, first served. Scheduling the courier to pick up samples after 3pm at your location will incur a \$50 fee and this service is not guaranteed.

Our business hours are 7am-5pm Monday through Friday. Please call or email in advance for bottle kit pick-up so we can have it ready for you.