

## Drinking Water Program

### Water Sampling Instructions for Water System Operators

#### GATHER SAMPLING SUPPLIES

1. Sterile 250 ml Sample Bottle \*
2. Requisition Form \*
3. Disinfectant - Alcohol Swab or Bleach
4. Zip lock Plastic Bag and Elastic Band
5. Cooler and Ice Pack

\* Available from the Health Units



#### LABEL SAMPLE BOTTLE

##### Information Required

1. Sample collection location
2. Date and time sample was collected
3. Name of Water System

#### TREATED WATER BACTERIOLOGY

(BOTTLE CONTAINS DECHLORINATING AGENT)

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| <b>Source</b>  | Cabin # 312<br>June 14, 2016 (10:00 am)   |
| <b>Sent by</b> | Lost Lake Resort Water System<br><br>Laboratory Services<br>BC Centre for Disease Control |

#### COLLECT SAMPLE

1. **R**emove the aerator, swivel or hose attached to the tap.
2. **D**isinfect the tap with an alcohol wipe or strong chlorine solution prior to collecting the sample.
3. **R**un the water for a minimum of 2 minutes before sampling.



## COLLECT SAMPLE - Continued

4. **Do not rinse** the bottle. The white powder is a dechlorinating agent.
5. **Do not touch** the neck of the bottle or the inside of the cap so as to avoid contaminating the sample.
6. **Fill** the bottle with water to the fill line mark (approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full).
7. **Replace cap**.



## COMPLETE REQUISITION FORM

1. Fill in Sampler's **Name**.
2. Fill in **Date and Time** sample was collected.
3. Place the **Requisition Form** inside the plastic Bag.
4. **Attach** the bag to the bottle with an elastic band.

## TRANSPORT SAMPLE

1. Using a Cooler and Ice pack transport water samples to the designated Health Unit as soon as possible after collection.
2. **IMPORTANT:** Water samples must be submitted to the Health Unit the Same Day the sample is collected.



For any questions or concerns contact your Drinking Water Officer/Environmental Health Officer at **604-870-7903** or email **HPland@fraserhealth.ca**

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