

Did You Know?

- In Collier County, the most common type of contamination in your drinking water is bacterial contamination.
- If your property is serviced by a private well, the Department of Health in Collier County can analyze your water sample for bacteria for a fee.
- We use a state certified lab for all of our analyses.
- Results are available within 48—72 hours after sample submission.



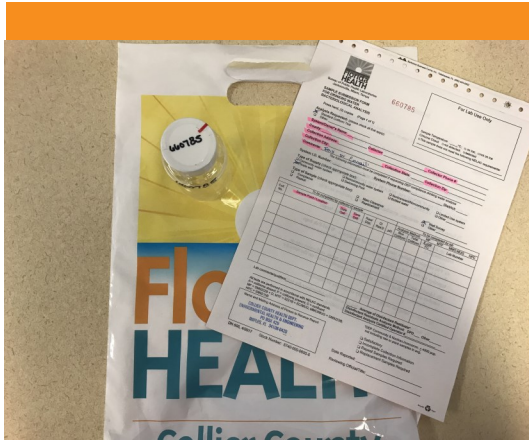
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Instructions for Collecting a Water Sample





Obtaining / Submitting Samples

- Obtain and submit your sample kits from the Department of Health in Collier County, located at 3339 Tamiami Trail E, Room 302, Naples, FL 34112.
- Sample kits may be picked up Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Samples may be submitted for analysis Monday—Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **SAMPLES ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON FRIDAYS.**

Collecting Your Sample

- Prior to collecting a water sample, the Department of Health recommends disinfecting your well and equipment following the process in the “Disinfecting Your Well and Equipment” guide.
- Spray a solution of bleach and water onto the sample point (hose spigot, sink faucet, etc.) PRIOR to sampling. This will kill any bacteria or pathogens on the outside of your faucet, which may contaminate your sample.
- Allow the bleach to sit for at least 1 minute and then turn on the water. Let the water run for a couple minutes before sampling. After the water has run, slow the water flow and allow it to keep running.
- Remove the wrapper from the sample bottle and then carefully unscrew the sample bottle lid. Be careful not to touch the inside of the sample bottle or lid. Do not put the lid down on the counter—this may falsely contaminate your water sample.
- Fill the sample bottle to at least the fill line. Do not rinse the bottle before collecting and do not over-flow the sample bottle. The white powder or tablet should remain in the bottle.

- Put the lid back on the sample bottle, screwing it closed tightly and then put the sample on ice to transport it back to our office.
- Complete the highlighted areas at the top of the lab form (owner name, county, collector name, collector phone number, address, city, state and zip code). Write in your email address or fax number as applicable. Complete the sample location, date and time collected information.
- You may list multiple samples on the same form provided the bottles are identified uniquely as well as the lab form (1, 2, 3, A, B, C, etc.).

