

White Water Associates Lab – Drinking Water Sampling Directions and Testing Costs
For Tests other than Coliform Bacteria

- Other commonly requested tests for drinking water include nitrates, heavy metals such as arsenic, lead or copper, sulfates, chloride, hardness, sodium, iron, etc.
- Sample must be taken from a tap that represents the water distribution system.
- Water tap must be free of aerators, strainers, hoses, filters, water softeners, etc.
- Wash hands thoroughly, do not open sample bottle until ready to proceed.
- The COLD water tap must be used. Run the water for at least 2 minutes.
- Do NOT touch the inside of the sample bottle or cap.
- Do NOT rinse sample container (there may be preservative in the bottle).
- Fill sample container to the top and screw the cap on tightly.
- Place bottle and Chain of Custody (COC) Form in mailing packet or cooler to send to lab with check for payment made out to White Water Associates.
- For tests that require the small insulated boxes please add ice in a small sealable bag.
- See the example COC form for required information for processing.

The sample collector is responsible for packaging and returning the samples to the laboratory for analysis. For samples other than coliform bacteria they can be sent to the lab to be received within one week. US Mail, UPS or FedEx services work well.

For these tests use an opaque plastic bottle and send on ice in insulated container*

*no ice needed for metals

Nitrate Nitrogen - \$15

Nitrite Nitrogen - \$15

Nitrate/Nitrite as a combo - \$15

Fluoride - \$25

Hardness, Sodium, Iron - \$15

Sulfate - \$15

Chloride - \$15

*Lead analysis alone - \$15, Copper analysis alone - \$15

*Lead and Copper in drinking water - \$25

*Other Metals (such as Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium) - \$15/metal

Many other tests are also available – please call to inquire

**Our bottles are available at various health department offices
or Call us to order drinking water sampling test kits**

SEND BOTTLES, CHAIN OF CUSTODY and PAYMENT to:

White Water Associates, P.O. Box 27, 429 River Lane, Amasa, Michigan 49903

Call us with any questions at 906-822-7889 or visit www.white-water-associates.com