



## METHOD FOR SAMPLING DRINKING WATER FOR THE BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY

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The **bacteriological quality** of the water from your well may change from one season to another, this is why we suggest you have it analysed at least once a year.

The supplied container is sterile and contains a neutralising agent for chlorine which should not be rinsed. The container should be opened only when ready to use. Do not touch the interior of the cap with your fingers. Do not use the container if the seal is broken.

### Directives

1. The sample must be taken from the **most used** cold water faucet.
2. Remove any accessory on the spout, such as a v screen or hose head. If it cannot be removed, the sampling must be done from another tap that does not have such an accessory or hose
3. If the tap used has a valve that controls both cold and hot water, first let the hot water run for at least 2 minutes before letting the cold water run (see next step);
4. Clean the outside and inside of the spout using a single-use piece of paper or an absorbent cloth and commercial bleach;
5. Let the cold water run for at least 5 minutes;
6. Fill the container **slightly above the embossed filling line**.
7. Carefully and tightly seal container after sampling. Make sure not to contaminate the container's neck or lid during handling and minimize exposure of the container to open air during sampling.
8. Clearly identify your bottle before sending it to the lab with your customer number from online store or customer portal and the sample date.

NOTE: It's not recommended to perform sampling in the presence of chlorine (detectable odor). Chlorine can affect the test result.

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### EXPEDITION OF SAMPLES

The sample must be brought to the laboratory during opening hours within 24 hours of sampling. Pay attention to delivery times by carrier. All samples deposited after 4:00pm will be considered received the following business day (it is possible to pay an extra fee to have your analyses begun the same day). All samples that arrive to the laboratory after 3:00pm on a Friday at our Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Joliette, Rouyn-Noranda and Rimouski locations, , or after 11:00am at our Val-d'Or and 10:00 am at our Laval location, will be treated as if received the following business day. Any samples that must be begun on a weekend are subject to additional charge. All samples must be kept at a temperature between 0° and 12° from the moment of sampling to the time it is received at the laboratory. Sample must not be frozen.

Reference : *Regulation respecting the quality of drinking water in Quebec, Schedule 4, current edition*