

How to Collect Water Samples

Gross Alpha Kit RA – Regulated Systems

It is important to read all instructions before collecting and submitting your water sample. Visit HealthVermont.gov/SampleDropOff for online sample drop-off information.

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHLabCustomerService@vermont.gov or call (802) 338-4724.

Your Kit Comes with

- One 4-Liter plastic container.
- Water Sample Collection Information form

Prepare

- Do not touch the inside of the cap or mouth of the container.
- Go to the point of entry to public distribution.
- For systems served by ground water, samples must be representative of each source.
- Run cold water on high flow for 3 to 5 minutes to get rid of water that has been sitting in the pipes.
- Return water to medium flow to collect your water sample

Collect

- Fill the sample bottle to the neck and screw the cap on firmly to prevent leaks.
- Complete the Water Sample Collection Information form, including the date and time you took the water sample. Include your WSID Number.



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Regulated Systems Sampling Instructions, Version: 2.0, CHEM-400

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Return

- Label the sample container so it can be matched with its correct form (e.g., sample location).
- Put the water sample container and completed Water Sample Collection Information Form in a box.
- Read Sample Return Instructions carefully; return the kit within 48 hours of sampling.

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I expect my results?

Test results will be sent out about 14 days after the water sample was received at the laboratory. To avoid mail delays, write your email address on the sample collection information forms.

Where can I get more information about the health effects of the contaminants in my drinking water?

For more information visit <https://www.healthvermont.gov/water-a-z>.

Here are a few things you can do to submit an acceptable drinking water sample:

- Submit your sample in the sample bottle provided by the laboratory.
- Make sure to complete the Water Sample Collection Information Form.
- Be sure the sample gets to the laboratory within 48 hours from the time you filled the bottle.