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## **SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION**

1. Remove aerator or mesh screen if the faucet has one.
2. Using a clean cloth, swab outside faucet and inside the mouth of the faucet with a solution of 1/2 bleach and 1/2 water. ~~Let stand for one minute before proceeding.~~
3. Turn cold water on and let it run for 3-5 minutes.
4. Remove the sanitary seal, then remove the lid from Alpha Analytical sample bottle. Be careful not to touch the inside of the bottle or lid with fingers. **DO NOT** lay the lid down while sampling.
5. Turn the water flow down to a nice slow stream; carefully fill the bottle to the 100ml mark. Do not rinse out or overfill the bottle; a chemical powder is present to help insure a valid test. If the bottle is under filled, you will need to resample.
6. Replace the lid and tighten immediately. Return the sample to the lab within 20 hours from time of collection.
7. Samples must be refrigerated, or kept in an ice chest with blue ice after sampling. Samples should be kept cold until delivered to the lab.
8. **Please be aware that it is our policy that the results of you analyses will be released after we receive payment in full. The cost for Presence/Absence Coliform testing is \$35.00 per sample. Please include a phone number and your mailing address on the form.**