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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING WATER SAMPLES FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

1. Sample should be collected from a faucet, sample tap or hosebib that is closest to the well, or water source.
2. **DO NOT RINSE OUT THE SAMPLING CONTAINER.** Keep the lid on the sampling container until you are ready to collect your sample.
3. Remove hoses, screens or aerators from the end of the faucet.
4. Run **COLD** water for at least 2-4 minutes to make sure you are getting a water sample from the water source. Then turn water down so it does not splash.
5. Open sampling container and fill with water only to the fill-line on the container or the shoulder of the container. **DO NOT RINSE OR OVERFILL THE SAMPLE CONTAINER. Do not touch lip or inside of bottle with hands or other foreign material.**
6. Fill out the label on the container with date, time, sample ID, etc. You will also need to completely fill out the chain of custody given to you at the time you received the sampling container. **CERCO will be unable to receive your sample without the label on the sampling container and the signed chain of custody being completed.**
7. Once you have collected your sample, completed filling out the label and chain of custody, it should be transported to CERCO as soon as possible. *If there is a lapse of more than 1-hour, keep sample cold (on ice) and transport to CERCO as soon as possible. Some analytes have short hold times and will need to be analyzed upon receipt.*
8. Samples are accepted Monday through Friday, only. Friday acceptance of samples may incur weekend or holiday surcharges, so please call prior to sampling to confirm acceptance of samples without a surcharge.

KEEP SAMPLING CONTAINERS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AND ONLY USE THEM FOR THE PURPOSES THAT THEY WERE INTENDED FOR.

If you have questions regarding the sampling procedure, please call
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