Private Water Well Sample Collection

Total Coliforms/E. coli Test

- Select the faucet from which the sample will be collected. It is recommended that the sample be collected from a faucet as close to the well as possible, but NOT a kitchen or bathroom faucet. The selected tap should not have a leaky valve stem, screw-on vacuum breaker or swivel faucet.
- Wipe the faucet with a CLEAN household towel to remove any debris. DO NOT flame the tap or use any other cleaning agent.

Turn your cold water all the way on and let it run down the drain for 3 minutes.

1. At the end of 3 minutes, turn the water down to a low stream.

2. Remove the plastic seal from the collection bottle.

3. There is a white powder residue or clear liquid inside the bottle.
   DO NOT rinse the bottle.

4. With clean hands, take off the cap.
   Do not touch the inside of the cap or bottle.

5. Fill the bottle directly from the faucet.
   Fill up to the 100 mL line on the bottle. Under filled samples will be rejected. If overfilled, do not pour out. Overfilled samples will not be rejected.

6. Put the cap back on.
   Close finger tight to make sure it does not leak.
The following information must be included on the Lab form:

*Print firmly with blue or black ball point pen only. Do not use pencil or white out.

- Name, street address and parish where the sample was collected
- Email address and phone number
- Name of individual who collected the sample
- Date collected
- Time collected (in military time, for example, 1:00pm is 13:00 hours)
- Point of Collection
- Type of supply: #3, private supply

**Final Bottle Preparation:**

1. Use a permanent marker to write the S# underneath the 100 mL line.
2. Remove the S# strip from the bottom of the Lab form and stick it on top of the sealed bottle cap.