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Clinton County Health District



Water Sample Collection Instructions for the testing of Total Coliform

- Draw the water the morning of the test.
- Do not rinse out the sample bottle.
- Sample bottle should only be opened at time of collection.
- Have the water sample into the office by 9:30 (office opens at 7:30) on **Tuesday morning**.
- Turn faucet on & wash hands thoroughly, if desired use unscented hand sanitizer. Remove aerator if applicable before collection of water.
- Apply bleach water solution or use an alcohol pad to prepare tap.
- Allow water to continue to run (3 to 5 minutes).
- Reduce the flow from the tap to prevent splashing.
- Remove lid from water bottle. Do not lay the lid down where it can become contaminated. Do not touch the rim or mouth of the bottle.
- Fill the water container up to the neck of the bottle. Please make sure lid is on tight.
- Payment is due at time of drop off. Results are usually mailed out on Friday.

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