



Microbiology and Nitrate

Please read all the instructions before sampling to ensure proper test results.

Before Sampling

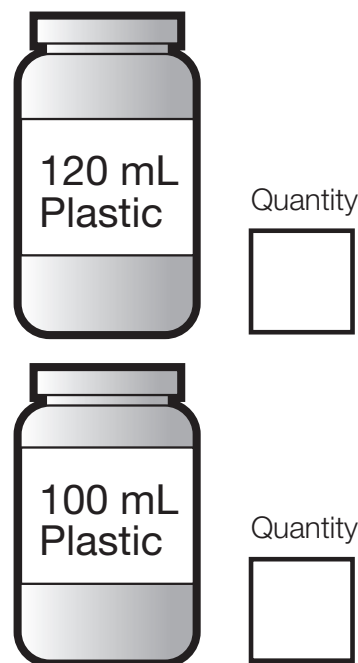
- Remove blue refrigerant packs from the shipping container and place them in a freezer. The packs **must be** frozen before returning samples to the laboratory.
- Plan to have samples collected just prior to the normal pick-up time of your **overnight** carrier.

Sampling Steps

1. If your sampling point has a faucet with an aerator, it must be removed prior to collection of the samples.
2. Flush the cold water sampling line approximately 10 minutes immediately prior to sampling.
3. Fill the Microbiology bottle to the 100 mL line indicated on the bottle. **Do not touch** inside the cap or around the edge of the bottle.
4. Fill the Nitrate container to the neck of the bottle.
5. Indicate sampling date, time, site, and name of sampler on both the bottle labels and the enclosed Chain of Custody. Information on the Chain of Custody and labels must match and be complete.

Shipping Instructions

- Place frozen blue refrigerant packs, samples, and Chain of Custody into shipping container and return to the laboratory **immediately** after collection.
- Sample bottles **must be** hand delivered or sent by an **overnight** carrier.
- **Microbiology and Nitrate Testing:** Must be received at the laboratory within **24 hours** of collection time.
- The laboratory **must be** notified prior to shipment of samples for Saturday delivery.



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