



WATER WELL SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

FEES: Kit: \$15.00
 Individual Samples: \$8.00

Water sample kits contain 2 boxes with bottles, forms, and mailing labels. One box is marked with an “X” and contains a form with “Chemistry” stamped in the upper right hand corner. The second box has no such mark and contains a form with “Microbiology” stamped in the upper right hand corner. It is important that the forms remain with the appropriate box.

Water samples tests are performed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) laboratories in Springfield. The labs must receive the samples within 30 hours after sample collection in order to obtain valid results. Therefore, samples should be collected on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday mailed the same day at your local post office using the mailing stickers enclosed in the sample kit boxes. Note: IDPH has recommended the use of overnight shippers such as UPS or Fed Ex for greater compliance in meeting the 30 hour receiving deadline. If samples are collected Thursday, the samples should be driven to the IDPH labs and hand delivered during operating hours (9:00 am – 4:30 pm). It is recommended that you call the lab at 217-782-6562 and communicate your plans to hand deliver the water samples.

Unless otherwise specified, standard Microbiology analysis tests for coliform bacteria and E. coli, and standard Chemistry analysis tests for Nitrates and Nitrites. Other tests can be performed by checking the “Other” Box next to “Analysis Requested” and writing the specific test requested. Please see the attached forms for additional instructions and examples to complete these forms. Sample instructions are also included on the back side of the forms in the sample kits.

Please note that water well testing results are first faxed or mailed to the local health department for interpretation and processing. Results are normally received by Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) within one week of sample collection. Please plan accordingly for drinking purposes and real estate closings. LCDPH will mail or fax sample results and interpretations to the supply address or, if completed, the contact person listed in the box entitled “Send bottles/results to.”

Sample kits provided by the LCDPH are for WATER WELL TESTING ONLY. If you are served by a public or municipal water supply and are concerned about water quality, please contact the Illinois EPA or your local water company.