

WATER ANALYSIS

The do's ✓ and don'ts ✗
of collecting water samples





Sterilise the tap outlet
with a flame or an
alcohol-soaked
cotton-wool swab.



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Do not touch or
otherwise contaminate
the inside of the sample
bottle or cap.



When collecting bacteria samples, consider wearing
surgical gloves to minimize potential contamination.
TIP: Rinse the bottle 2-3 times with the sample water.



Ensure that your
hands are clean



Run the water for
several minutes to
flush what was lying
in the storage
tank or pipes.



Use a clean, sterile
plastic or glass bottle.
Available from Labserve.



Don't use dirty containers, or
milk, mayonnaise, chemical etc.
as these will affect the results.



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The size of the container is important to ensure you
have enough sample to run the analysis required.
Feel free to ask our staff members for advice.



Place the samples into a cooler with ice for immediate delivery or shipment to the laboratory.

Bacterial samples for drinking water must be received within 30 hours of being collected.





Do not only sample water once a year.

Water quality varies for dry and wet seasons.



TIP: Label samples correctly. Record information such as the location, date and time collected, and specify the analysis you require.

Please contact us for bulk sample discounts, sampling guidelines, or additional information

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