



Private Water System Sampling Procedures

- Miami County Public Health (MCPH) takes water samples on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Complete the attached Water Sample Request form.
- Submit the form and payment to the MCPH no later than 3:00 PM the day before your requested sampling date (contact information is at the bottom of this page).
- For bacteria, nitrate, nitrite, lead and fluoride water tests, an Environmental Health employee will come to your home during scheduled testing days/times.
- For lead water tests: read the Lead Sampling Procedure document.
- You do not need to be home for the water sample collection – the sample can be taken from an outside water spigot. Please remove all hoses from spigots.
- **If you would like to be home for the sample, please call MCPH at 937-573-3504 on the morning of your sample collection between 8:00 and 9:00 AM to obtain a timeframe.**
- Make sure all pets/animals are secured inside the home. If unsecured pets/animals are on the property, a sample will NOT be taken.

Common Water Sampling Tests

- Bacteria (coliform bacteria and *E. coli*) ~ United States Environmental Protection Agency recognized primary indicator of the bacterial safety of water.
- Nitrate/nitrite analysis ~ USEPA indicator of fertilizer and wastewater (both human and animal) in well water.
- Fluoride ~ naturally occurring material that is added to many city water supplies to deter tooth decay.
- Lead ~ potentially harmful metal that can be present in older water systems.
- Many other tests are available from EPA-certified labs. For a list of labs, please read the Water Testing Labs document.

Water Sampling Fees

- We accept cash, credit cards, and checks.
- Transportation/trip fee for sampling: \$35.00
- Bacteria: \$43.00
- Nitrate analysis: \$23.00
- Nitrite analysis: \$23.00
- Fluoride: \$38.00
- Lead: \$24.50

Example

Let's say you want a bacteria and nitrate analysis. That would be \$43.00 for bacteria, \$23.00 for nitrate, and \$35.00 for transportation/trip (one fee) for a total of \$101.00.

Note: If you have paid for a new well or alteration permit, you will receive one water samples at no additional charge – however, you MUST call the Health District to schedule the sample.

An additional trip fee of \$35.00 will be charged if we go to the home and are not able to take the water sample due to an issue such as chlorine in the water or water not on, etc. This must be paid before we return to the home.

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Today's Date

Miami County Health District

Sample Date

Water Sample Request

Samples Requested* (circle):

Bacteria

Nitrate

Nitrite

Lead

Fluoride

Other _____ call for price

*Add \$35 trip fee to all samples

\$43.00

\$23.00

\$23.00

\$24.50

\$38.00

Sample Information (where sample will be collected)

Street Address

City

State/Zip

Will someone be home during the sample collection? Yes No

Where is the outside faucet located (front, back, side, etc)? Please remove any hose attached to the faucet

Are the house numbers easily seen from the street? Yes No If no, please post at your driveway.

Reporting Information (where test results will be sent)

Name of Person Receiving Results

Name of Person Requesting Test (if different)

Street Address (if different from sample address)

City

State/Zip

Phone Number

Fax Number

Email

Payment Information (must be paid before 3:00pm the day before the test)

Method of payment (circle)

Total Fee

Cash

Check (payable to Miami County Public Health)

Credit Card* (complete below)

\$ _____

Credit Card Type (circle)

Visa

Mastercard

Discover

Card Number

Expiration Date

Zip Code of Card Holder

Name on the card

Day-time phone number of Card Holder

*All credit card information will be destroyed after processing. Miami County Public Health does not keep this information on file.

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