

Lake of the Prairies Conservation District

SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

- ✓ Take samples the morning of testing day only.
- ✓ Fill in container labels before taking sample.
- ✓ DO NOT rinse the containers.
- ✓ DO NOT touch the container mouth or inside lid.
- ✓ All samples should be collected from water tap in normal use.
- ✓ Bypass all softeners or any filter in the line for the tap you sample from.
- ✓ Dip the end of the faucet in chlorine bleach for several minutes the night before testing or for 5 minutes before test.
- ✓ Run water for at least **1 minute** before filling containers.
- ✓ If the system has not been used for several days, the water should be run for one hour before sampling.
- ✓ Seal the bottle immediately after filled.
- ✓ Bring the sample back to Lake of the Prairies Conservation District in Inglis.