

Sampling Instructions for Microbiological Parameters

- 1) It is best to by-pass any water softener or water filtration systems when sampling for microbiological parameters.
- 2) If a screen trap is attached to the end of your tap, remove it.
- 3) Carefully flame the end of the tap you removed the screen trap from.
- 4) Run the water for 5 minutes.
- 5) Remove the cap from your sample bottle, careful not to touch the inside of the cap or sample bottle (the inside of the bottle is sterile)**
- 6) Do not rinse bottle, as a pellet of preservative is contained on the inside of the bottle (DO NOT REMOVE PELLETT).
- 7) Carefully fill bottle to the neck and secure the top.
- 8) Record your sample ID on the bottle (name and address, i.e.: Mary Smith - 150 Main Street)
- 9) Complete the Chain of Custody Form and include date and time of sampling along with your contact information. Please include email and/or fax numbers.

IMPORTANT: Please include phone numbers where you can be reached during business hours as well as after business hours. Provincial law requires notification to Manitoba Water Stewardship should we be unable to reach you via live conversation within 48 hours of finding a positive coliform result.

- 10) Keep sample cool prior to submission.
- 11) Return to CANTEST within 24 hours of sampling. It is best to take the sample to the lab immediately after sampling.**
- 12) Cost of Analysis is \$7.65 plus GST (\$8.03) per sample. Payment by Visa, MasterCard, cheque or cash is required at the time of submission. Re-test coupon is required for any eligible re-test sample.

Samples should be submitted to:

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