



# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### **BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION FOR WATER**

#### **WATER SAMPLING PROCEDURES**

1. Remove any screen, filter, or spray nozzle from the tap, which is to be sampled. The tap should be in good working condition with no leaks.
2. Turn on cold water tap and let the water run for 5 minutes minimum. Longer is preferable. The water should come out of the tap as a “straw” of water – no back splashing onto the sides of the tap.
3. **Only remove the lid from the bottle when you are ready to fill it.**
  - First completely remove the clear plastic seal around the lid.
  - Do not set the lid down or invert it. Hold it in your hand in the same position as it was removed from the bottle.
4. Fill the bottle to the **100 ml line** located at the top of the bottle and replace the lid on the bottle.
5. Properly fill out the **left side only** of the blue “Bacteriological Examination For Water” form. Attach the form to the bottle with a rubber band.

**PLEASE PRINT FIRMLY WHEN COMPLETING YOUR FORM. THIS WILL HELP FACILITATE YOUR RECEIVING THE TEST RESULTS AT THE CORRECT ADDRESS AND IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

#### **EXAMPLE**

**Address of Sampling Point:** 36549 Primrose Lane  
Our Town, California 12345

**Sample Site:** Kitchen Sink

**Mail Results to:** John Doe  
P O Box 234 (or 36459 Primrose Ln)  
Our Town, California 12345

**(Please put the mailing address where you want the results to be mailed or the name of the Agency requesting the test.)**

Your phone number is required so we may contact you as soon as possible in the event the water sample does not meet standards prescribed for potable water.

6. RETURN YOUR SAMPLE WITH THE \$15.00 LAB TESTING FEE (FEE SET BY HEALTH DEPT.) TO THE HEALTH DEPT. LAB LOCATED AT 14215 RD. 28, MADERA.

Samples will be accepted Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Thursday 8:00 AM to

12:00 Noon. Please take the sample the same day you are bringing it in if at all possible.  
**The sample can not be more than 24 hours old when the laboratory starts their test.**

7. Samples will also be accepted at the Madera County Public Health Department in Oakhurst (41969 Highway 41, Oakhurst) **MONDAYS ONLY**, 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. If Monday is a holiday samples will be accepted on Tuesday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

RESULTS WILL BE MAILED APPROXIMATELY 5-7 DAYS AFTER SUBMITTING SAMPLE(S)

If you have any questions, please contact the ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT at (559) 675-7823