



Checklist for Well Water Sample Submissions Private Well Owners in Flood Impacted Areas of Ottawa

Before submitting a water sample for bacteriological testing, ensure the following requirements are met to ensure your sample will be processed by the Public Health Ontario laboratory:

- The floodwaters have receded from your property and are not affecting your well.
- The well has been disinfected and the disinfectant has been flushed out.
- The well has been used for at least two days, providing the septic system is ready to use and you do not suspect chemical contamination of your well. Remember, the water should not be used for drinking, cooking, or swallowing or getting into the eyes or mouth until after you have determined that the water is safe to drink.
- The water sample is representative of your drinking water source. i.e. it looks and smells like it normally does prior to the flood and contains no debris
- The water sample was taken within 12 hours before dropping it off for testing.
- The water sample was kept cold or refrigerated from the time collected.
- All sections of the water sample form that came with the bottle has been completed and the form is attached to the water sample.
- The water sample was collected in the water bottle from the well water testing kit.
- The water bottle was filled to the fill-line on the sample bottle.
- The water sample was taken following instructions that came with the bottle.

If you checked off all these boxes then your sample is ready to submit for analysis.

If you did not check all these boxes or have questions you can speak with a Public Health Inspector by calling Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 and ask to speak with a Public Health Inspector (press 5 after selecting your language of choice).

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