

Well Water Testing

Park County Environmental Health Department has well water testing bottles available for laboratory analysis. Bottles can be picked up and dropped back off after sample collection for Bridger Analytical Lab, INC Monday through Thursday for \$28.00.

We also offer bottles from Energy Laboratories, which can be purchased for \$20.00; however, it is your responsibility to ensure its timely delivery to the lab. [Energy Laboratories Inc. :: Analytical Excellence Since 1952](#)

IMPORTANT: Both labs require receiving the sample within 24 hours of collection. It is advised to take your water sample in the morning and return or mail it to the lab as soon as possible.

Basic Instructions on collecting water samples:

1. Wash your hands before starting the sample collection
2. Remove the faucet screen or other aerators from the end of the faucet; do not sample from a garden hose.
3. Disinfect the faucet. Wipe the inside and outside of the tap with rubbing alcohol or bleach
4. Run cold water at full volume for at least 2-3 minutes.
5. Open the bottle very carefully, ensuring that you do not touch the inside of the cap, bottle threads, inside of the bottle itself, the faucet or the custody seal. Do NOT rinse out the bottle. The powder in the bottle is meant to be there and will not contaminate your sample.
6. Turn the water down so that the stream is the diameter of about a pencil.
7. Fill the bottle to the fill line (100 mL) Do not touch the bottle to the faucet. Do not fill it all the way up to the top.
8. Screw the cap on tightly.
9. Completely fill out and label each sample and complete chain of custody form. Date, time and location of the water sample (i.e. kitchen faucet) must be included on the sample and the chain of custody form.
10. Keep the sample cool (35.6 –42.8 degrees Fahrenheit)

