

VCHD Well Water Collection Procedure

TELL THE RECEPTIONIST IF YOUR WELL HAS A CHLORINATOR

A Decontamination Procedure is the recommended way to get the most accurate result for your well. It bleaches your well and the lines running to the home, reducing the risk of getting false positive results from contamination in the lines or in the well.

If you are testing a well that has been sitting unused for a period of time, or if you receive a failure on a sample you collected without using it, we will recommend this be done. Please ask for a copy of this procedure from the receptionist if interested.

1. Collection is preferred from the Bathtub Faucet, if that is not an option, we do not recommend the kitchen sink where vegetables and meats are frequently washed.
2. Don't use a sink with an aerator, if you must, make sure the aerator is removed before decontamination.
3. Using a rag soaked in bleach wipe inside of the faucet, as far back as possible, as well as the outer rim.
4. Run cold water for 3-5 minutes
5. Carefully unscrew the lid to your collection bottle, do not touch the rim of the bottle or inside of the lid.
6. After 3-5 minute place the bottle into the stream of cold water and collect water to the fill line marked on the bottle. You may overfill from this line, but not under fill.
7. Carefully replace the lid on your bottle, screwing it on tightly.
8. Once the bottle is completely sealed wipe any excess water off the outside of the bottle and lid and with a marker place the full or at least last name of the name the sample is being submitted under on the lid or on the outside of the bottle.
9. The water sample must be submitted within 2 hours of collection, if not, it must be refrigerated or placed in a cooler until it is submitted. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT SAMPLES THAT ARE OVER 24 HOURS OLD.**
10. Fill out all of the information that is applicable to you on the left hand side of the testing form.
Name, Address, Collector, Date and Time of Collection, email, phone number and Collection Site