

Chapter 09 | Well & Water System

09.03 Service Provider Well & Water Responsibilities

Service providers must provide drinking water that meets state and federal drinking water standards. A table listing Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) can be found at:

dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/DG/DG0098.pdf

The basic requirements include:

SAMPLING

Annual samples must be taken for bacteria & nitrate. A small number of transient systems are sampled quarterly for bacteria and nitrate. A one-time nitrite sample is required. Although in cases where nitrite levels are elevated, more frequent nitrite samples may be required. Most transient non-community water systems receive sampling kits annually from the DNR - usually between January and May.

Sampling lab slips are sent to facilities that use a lab other than the State Laboratory of Hygiene. To meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, samples should be taken as soon as the water sampling kits are received. Mail samples within two weeks of receiving the sampling kit, so that the mailer may be used again for another water system. Everyone benefits from the cost savings realized by reusing the sample kit mailers.

SEASONAL SITES

Kits are usually mailed at least 30 days before site opening. Take the water samples when the well is operating for the season, and if possible, 30 days before serving water to the public.

WHERE TO SEND SAMPLES

If the State Laboratory of Hygiene performs the tests, results will be sent electronically to the DNR with a paper copy sent to you. If a private laboratory is used, you must provide the laboratory with the DNR lab slip that is sent to you. You are responsible for getting a copy of the test results to the nearest Regional DNR office. Keep a copy of test results for your own files! Water samples must be analyzed by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (see address below), or a laboratory certified to test for bacteria or other contaminants. Be sure to contact other labs before sending them your water sample to ensure they accept outside water samples. A list of certified labs is available on the DNR website at the following address: [prodoasext.dnr.wi.gov/inter1/pk_ws582_lablist\\$.startup](http://prodoasext.dnr.wi.gov/inter1/pk_ws582_lablist$.startup)

For samples sent by U.S. Mail

Environmental Health Division, Wisconsin DOT Water Sample
State Laboratory of Hygiene
PO Box 7996
Madison, WI 53707-7996
Tel: 608-244-6202

For samples sent by UPS

Environmental Health Division, Wisconsin DOT Water Sample
State Laboratory of Hygiene
2601 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53718