

## 10 Steps for Water Testing

1. **Select the test package.** Indicate on requisition. Questions? See #10.
2. **Collect sample.** Follow instructions on the back of the requisition. Fill each bottle to the fill line (or above).
3. **Complete requisition.** Print clearly. Complete all sections. For emailed reports, sign disclosure.
4. **Label bottles.** Print your name and /or sample location.
5. **Packaging.** Place bottles and requisition in cushioned wrapper if provided. Samples dropped off at St Margaret's Bay **MUST** be in cushioned wrapper to prevent breakage in bin. Wrappers available on site.
6. **Select drop off location:** See reverse for locations and hours open for acceptance of water samples.
7. **Deliver Sample:** Samples dropped-off to room 521 Mackenzie can be a maximum of 24 hours old. Samples delivered to other locations should be delivered on same day of collection or a maximum of 12 hours after collection.
8. **Payment.** The day after you drop off your sample, phone the laboratory at 1-888-473-8466 with your credit card information or questions about payment.
9. **Results.** Only released after payment. Issued via mail/fax or email (see #3). Average turnaround time is 5 to 7 business days depending on tests ordered.
10. **Questions?** Phone Nova Scotia Environment at 1-877-936-8476 for advice on what tests you need or on how to interpret your results.

**Central Zone: Container Pick-up or Water Sample Drop-off Locations**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Mackenzie Bldg</b> <b>QE II Health Sciences Centre</b> 5788 University Ave Rm 521, Halifax	Monday to Friday Monday to Thursday <b>Note: Bacteria samples not accepted after 3 p.m.</b> <b>Friday</b>	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Drop-off 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Mackenzie at specimen receiving)
<b>St. Margaret's Bay Blood Collection</b> 5110 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Suite 204	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Wednesday Friday	7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 7 a.m. to noon
<b>Bayers Road Blood Collection</b> 7071 Bayers Road, Suite 141 Halifax	Monday to Thursday Friday  No Saturday drop-off	7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 7 a.m. to noon
<b>Dartmouth General Hospital Blood Collection</b> 325 Pleasant Street Dartmouth	Monday, Thursday Tuesday, Wednesday Friday	7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 7 a.m. to noon
<b>Cobequid Community Health Centre: Blood Collection</b> 40 Freer Lane Lower Sackville	Monday to Friday	7 a.m. to noon
<b>Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital</b> 22637, #7 Highway Sheet Harbour Nova Scotia	Monday to Thursday	7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
<b>Hants Community Hospital</b> 89 Payzant Drive Windsor, Nova Scotia	Monday to Thursday	7 to 11 a.m.
<b>Musquodoboit Valley Memorial Hospital</b> 492 Archibald Brook Road Middle Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia	Monday to Thursday	7 to 11 a.m.
<b>Twin Oaks Memorial Hospital</b> Twin Oaks/Birches Continuing Care Centre 7702 # 7 Highway Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia	Monday to Thursday	7 to 11 a.m.