

WATER

Daycare Sampling Instructions

Daycare facilities are usually required to collect bacteriological, lead and nitrite/nitrate samples when they first open for business. After that, they are required to submit bacteriological and nitrite/nitrate samples annually. Check with a DHS licensing agent for specific requirements.

This testing is not a requirement of DEQ. However, any testing done by DEQ must follow EPA approved methods and guidelines for quality assurance.

BACTERIOLOGICAL

1. The sample must be collected in a DEQ sampling bottle.
2. The sample must be delivered to the lab within 30 hours from the time of collection.
3. There is a \$21.81 charge for this test.
4. Check with the local post offices to be sure that the sample is on a truck leaving for the OKC downtown Post Office on the same day that the sample is collected. Samples are picked up 2 times each day at the P. O. Box below and delivered to the DEQ laboratory.
5. This is a twenty-four hour test. Results will be mailed the next day.

SEND BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES TO:
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY
P. O. BOX 24104
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
73124-0104

LEAD

1. One liter of water is required for this analysis.
2. The sample should be collected "first draw" in the



morning and sent in as soon as possible. Do not run the water before filling the bottle. First draw samples are from water that has been standing in the pipes. This is where the lead concentration will be if it is present.

3. There is a \$21.81 charge for this test.
4. This test takes two to three weeks to complete. Results will be mailed as soon as all quality assurance has been completed on the analysis.

NITRITE/NITRATE

1. About 8 ounces of water is required for this analysis.
2. The sample can be collected at any time and sent in as soon as possible.
3. There is a \$21.92 charge for this test.
4. This test takes one to two weeks to complete. Results will be mailed as soon as all quality assurance has been completed on the analysis.

SEND LEAD AND NITRITE/NITRATE SAMPLES TO:
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY
P. O. BOX 1677
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73101

We provide sampling bottles, mailing labels and forms. Contact John Ashford at (405) 702-1027.