

Water Testing for Real Estate Purposes at Public Health Laboratory (North)

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Read the following information before collecting a drinking water sample (well or cistern) for real estate purposes.

All drinking water testing for real estate purposes is directed to the Public Health Laboratory North (ProvLab) which is accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation to ISO 17025 standards.

- 1. Use only the sterile 200mL sample container and requisition form provided in this kit.
- 2. Peel and place ID label onto sample bottle. Samples that are unlabeled or mislabeled will not be processed.
- 3. DO NOT discard the white powder in the container!
- 4. Take care to avoid touching the inside of the screw cap or container.
- 5. Add water to the container and fill to the 200 mL mark (do not overfill). Close lid snugly, ensuring lid is not cross-threaded.
- 6. Complete the information requested on the requisition form including the date and time of collection. Access number MUST be included if available (44xxxxx). The address provided on the requisition form is the address to which the report will be mailed.
- 7. Deliver the sample and completed requisition form to an Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) Patient Service Center (PSC) location immediately following collection <u>Community Lab Locations | Alberta Precision Laboratories</u>. If the sample is delayed more than 6 hours the sample must be refrigerated (not frozen) until delivery. **Do not add ice to the sample.
- 8. All samples are processed at Public Health Laboratory North. Testing requires 24 hours of incubation from time of receipt at Public Health Laboratory North.
- 9. Samples received at Public Health Laboratory North greater than 48 hours after collection are NOT suitable for testing.
- 10. Chemical analysis is not performed at the Public Health Laboratory.
- 11. If you are a realtor (i.e. you work for a realty company) you will need to set up a testing account with APL before submitting water samples for testing. Contact APL.Clients@albertaprecisionlabs.ca for further information on setting up an account and obtaining an access number.
- 12. If you are NOT a realtor (i.e. an independent seller) and do not have an access number (i.e. this is a one-time only water test), you can pay online through **AHS Pay**:
 - a. Go to www.ahs.ca/pay → Select Pay Online → Input the Routing Code: 3002→ Click Next → Fill in required fields under "Personal/Business Information" (Realtor/Homeowner information, address, email etc.) → Click Next → Fill in the landowner's name under "Business name" → Click Next → Enter invoice number 1555555-123 and payment amount (\$63 gst incl.) → Input credit card and finalize the payment.
 - b. *IMPORTANT* print and present the <u>APL Purchase Receipt</u> form for payment confirmation_of your sample submission or your submission will be rejected at the Patient Service Center.
- 13. Write the mailing address that you would like results delivered to in the 'Submitter and Sample Details' field.

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