

****IMPORTANT DOCUMENT - KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS****

On the reverse side is the list of your water testing requirements for 2012.

Please note that the Drinking Water Program (DWP) reserves the right to adjust testing requirements in accordance with State and Federal Drinking Water Regulations.



PLEASE REMEMBER : * THE LABORATORY YOU CHOOSE MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF MAINE TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED WATER TESTS AND THE TEST RESULTS MUST BE SENT TO THE DWP DIRECTLY FROM THE CERTIFIED LABORATORY. *

REPORTING OF LABORATORY RESULTS.

- ▶ **Lab results must come directly to us from your certified lab.** Please make sure your lab is aware your water sample is "For Compliance" and they have your water system's name and Public Water System ID number (PWSID). Your lab must submit the reports to the Drinking Water Program by the 10th of the month following the end of the compliance period, or you will be out of compliance. In 2012 labs will be submitting water sample results to us electronically.
- ▶ **Remember**, if you do not receive a sample kit from your lab, it is your responsibility to obtain a sample kit and submit the sample before the end of the compliance period. If you are receiving bottles from the State lab but use a private lab for your water testing, please contact your Compliance officer.

NITRATE-NITRITE TESTS!

- ▶ **Please note:** Starting in 2012, most water systems will be required to monitor for nitrites once every 9 years. This will be noted on the reverse side.
- ▶ If you use the Health and Environmental Testing Lab (HETL) and you are scheduled this year to do an inorganic screen, then that test should include your annual nitrate/nitrite, and you will not get a separate kit for nitrate. Double check that your lab report for inorganic screen includes results for nitrate. If there is a problem, please call your compliance officer.

WHERE SHOULD SAMPLES BE COLLECTED?

- ▶ Collect samples for Total Coliform Bacteria, Disinfection By-Products, Lead/Copper, and Asbestos from pre-approved locations within the distribution system.
- ▶ Collect samples for Inorganics (Nitrate, Nitrite, Arsenic, etc.), Volatile Organics (VOC), Semi-Volatile Organics (SVO, Chlorinated Acids, Carbamates, PEST 508, Endothall, Diquat), and Radionuclides (Gross Alpha, Radium, Radon) from a tap after all water treatment but before the water enters the distribution system. (Usually a sample tap or faucet in the pumphouse that is located after any treatment.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION TIMES FOR CERTAIN SAMPLES!

- ▶ **Lead/Copper sampling** that is required once per year or once every three years, unless noted otherwise, samples must be collected between June 1st and September 30th. However, if you are on 6-month lead/copper testing, then collect samples within the 6-month periods which are 1/1 to 6/30 and 7/1 to 12/31.
- ▶ **DBP Sampling:** Disinfection by-product (DBP) samples required once per year or once every three years must be collected between June 1st and September 30th. Quarterly DBP sampling is required within each calendar quarter.

SAMPLES THAT HAVE TO BE SENT TO OUT-OF-STATE LABS.

- ▶ **Tests for Asbestos, Radium 226 & 228, Diquat, and Endothall** are not done by any labs in Maine. If you are required to do any of these tests this year you must contact a lab that is certified by Maine. Please consult the list of certified labs on the Drinking Water Program's website, www.medwp.com or call your compliance officer. Please be sure to tell your out of state lab to e-mail, mail or fax a copy directly to this program.



Should you have any questions about water testing requirements for your public water system, **please call your Compliance Officer.**

