

****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 these testing requirements in accordance with State and Federal Drinking Water Regulations.

Some Reminders...



PLEASE REMEMBER: * THE LABORATORY YOU CHOOSE **MUST** BE CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF MAINE TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED WATER TESTS. *

- ⊗ **Lab results must come directly to us from your certified lab.** Please make sure your lab is aware that your water sample is “**For Compliance**”. Please make sure your lab report has your water system's name and Public Water System ID number (PWSID) on it. Your lab must submit the reports to the DWP 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 test 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 collect the sample before the end of the compliance period.
- ⊗ Please Note: Your NITRITE testing requirements may have changed and now may be required only once every 9 years! (please note: this is NOT the same as nitrate). Check your testing requirements on the reverse side.
- ⊗ On December 1, 2009 the Ground Water Rule went into effect which requires water systems to have a raw water sample tap for each of their wells. If you do not have a raw water tap, then you need to install one.
- ⊗ Remember that when collecting water samples: a month is a calendar month and a quarter is a calendar quarter.
- ⊗ If you are on monthly sampling and are open 15 days or more during a calendar month, then you are required to do a sample for that month. If you are on quarterly sampling and you are open 15 days or more during a calendar quarter, then you are required to do a test for that quarter. If a sample is collected too early (before a compliance period starts) or too late (after a compliance period ends), it does not meet the requirements for a compliance sample and will not count.
- ⊗ All improvements and modifications to your water system must receive DWP approval before construction.
- ⊗ ****If...**
 - Your operational period has changed;
 - The business has changed ownership;
 - The scope of your business has changed;
 - Any contact information regarding your system has changed;
 - You have changed the lab you are using for your water samples;

... It is **your responsibility** to contact our offices immediately, as this could affect your compliance.**

If you have any doubts as to when, where, or why a sample needs to be collected, please call your Compliance Officer.