



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING COMPLIANCE WATER SAMPLES FOR **Carbamates**

CARBAM_531

(All 3 vials are to be collected at the same point and following the steps below)

1. Collect sample at the sample point preprinted on the sample form.
2. Remove any screen, hoses and aerators from end of faucet.
3. Run COLD water for 3 to 5 minutes to make sure water has not been sitting for a long time in pipes or tanks and is fresh from the well.
4. Turn water down so it does not splash.
5. **Caution!!!** "Empty" sample vials contain a special preservative (monochloroacetic acid) that may irritate skin. Open slowly and carefully. **Do not rinse bottle.**
6. Remove container cap. Do not allow inside of cap, inside of bottle, or bottle threads to be touched by any object.
7. Add one tablet of dechlorinating agent to each vial.
8. Fill vials carefully until water is to shoulder of vial.
9. Screw cap on securely and shake vial to dissolve tablet.
10. Freeze cool-pack and replace in shipping container just prior to shipping.
11. Fill out the required information on sample form. **SIGN THE FORM!** The sample will not be processed unless the form has a signature!
12. Return vials with completed paperwork to lab. **SAMPLE MUST ARRIVE AT LAB WITHIN 7 DAYS OF COLLECTION! If not mailed directly after sample collection, store samples at 4°C.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS....PLEASE CALL THE MAINE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM
AT (207) 287-2070 OR YOUR LABORATORY**