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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING COMPLIANCE WATER SAMPLES FOR **Total Haloacetic Acid**

(THAAC)

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(The bottle must be collected in the distribution system with 25% of samples at maximum residence time and following the steps below.)

1. Collect samples at State-approved locations in the distribution system with 25% of samples at maximum residence time. Print location 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.
4. Turn water down so it does not splash.
5. The brown sample bottle contains a special preservative. Open slowly and carefully. **Do not rinse bottle.** Do not allow inside of cap, inside of bottle, or bottle threads to be touched by any object.
6. Fill bottle to the shoulder. Screw cap on securely. (Shake bottle vigorously for one minute.)
7. Fill out the required information on sample form. **SIGN THE FORM!** The sample will not be processed unless the form has a signature!
8. Return bottle with completed paperwork to lab. **SAMPLE MUST ARRIVE AT LAB WITHIN 14 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**