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Some Reminders...

- ❖ **Startup Procedures (seasonal water systems only):** Under the Revised Total Coliform Rule, **seasonal water systems must conduct and certify a state approved startup procedure at the beginning of each operating period, before serving water to the public.** Pre-approved procedures and certification statements can be found on the Drinking Water Program's website: www.medwp.com. Procedures that differ from the pre-approved start-up procedure must be approved by your Public Water System Inspector.
- ❖ If you are a seasonal business on quarterly total coliform bacteria sampling, be sure to always collect your first sample for the year during the first month you are open.
- ❖ Sampling requirements are based upon calendar months and calendar quarters, not 30 day or 90 day increments.
- ❖ Seasonal Systems: If your water system is open to the public for 16 days or longer during a compliance period (monthly or quarterly sampling frequency), you are required to take a sample in that compliance period.
- ❖ All improvements and modifications to your water system must receive DWP approval **before** construction or changes take place.

*****Systems failing to collect any required samples will be issued a Violation (Notice of Non-Compliance), with a requirement to provide public notification.*****

- ❖ ****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; or
 - If your seasonal system is opening/closing either early or late,then, it is **your responsibility** to provide updated information to the DWP.**

If you have any questions as to when, where, or why a sample needs to be collected, please call your Public Water System Inspector listed on your Drinking Water Testing Requirement Report.



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On the reverse side is the list of your water testing requirements for 2020.

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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 go to the DWP directly from the certified laboratory.**



- Please place your **water system's name and Public Water System Identification Number (PWSID #)** clearly on the sample sheet/chain of custody. Additionally, please ensure that your lab is aware that the water sample is for DWP compliance purposes by clearly marking **“For Compliance”** on the sample sheet/chain of custody.
- **Your lab must submit the sample results to the DWP by the 10th day of the month after the sample was analyzed**, or you will be issued a Violation (Notice of Non-Compliance).
- **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. Please contact your Public Water System Inspector if you have switched labs or if the lab indicated on the Required Testing Report is incorrect.

Where should I collect samples like Nitrate, Nitrite, Volatile Organics (VOC), and Arsenic?

- Samples must be collected from a tap located after treatment but before the water enters the distribution system.

Where should Total Coliform Bacteria Samples be Collected?

- Total coliform bacteria samples must be collected within the distribution system at the pre-approved locations indicated on your total coliform bacteria Sample Site Plan.



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Questions?

Should you have any questions about water testing requirements for your public water system, please call your Public Water System Inspector.