

## **Water Sampling Instructions for Bacterial Test**

1. Take sample from the faucet at the well. If there is none, use the first faucet from the well.
2. Turn faucet on and allow the water to run for a few minutes.
3. Turn Water Off.
4. Disinfect the faucet with bleach (spray on or submerge in a cup) or a lighter flame.
5. Turn water on and allow the water to run for a minute or two.
6. Turn to slow stream and fill bottle as close to the line as possible without going over or under.
7. Bring the sample to the District office within one hour of sampling. If you can't make it in an hour, put it on ice. After six hours, the sample is no longer good.

### **Tips for Success**

1. Do not rinse out sample bottle as it contains a chemical needed for processing.
2. Do not take sample from the kitchen or bathroom. They are a breeding ground for germs and may result in a false reading.
3. Be careful not to contaminate the sample by touching the threads, inside the lid or by coughing, breathing or otherwise introducing outside bacteria into the sample.

Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District accepts water samples Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the district offices located at 440 FM 3240 Bandera, Texas 78003.