

### Water Sampling Instructions for Bacterial Test (small hard plastic bottle)

1. Take sample from the faucet closest to the well as possible.
2. Turn faucet on and allow the water to run for a few minutes to flush the system.
3. Turn water off.
4. Disinfect the faucet with Isopropyl Alcohol (spray on or submerge in cup) or torch.
5. Turn water on and allow the water to run for a minute or two.
6. Turn water down to a slow stream and fill the bottle as close to the line as possible without going over the line.
7. Bring the sample to the District office as soon as you have taken the sample or within 30 minutes. If you are not able to make it in 30 minutes, put it on ice. After 6 hours the sample is no longer good.

### Tips for Success

1. Do not rinse out sample bottle as it contains a chemical (white powder) needed for processing.
2. Try not to take sample from bathroom or kitchen faucets. They are breeding grounds for germs and could cause a false reading.
3. Be sure not to touch the threads on the inside of the cap or on the bottle so that you are not introducing outside bacteria onto the sample.

### Water Sampling Instructions for Mineral Test (large soft plastic container)

1. Remove lid and blow up container like a balloon.
2. Fill container to the top. Analysis could require the whole quart to conduct the tests.

Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District accepts **Bacteria\*** samples Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and **Mineral** samples Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m

\*-Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District will not accept Bacteria samples on Fridays. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

#### In-County Sample Prices

Bacteria- \$15.00

Mineral- \$20.00

Both- \$30.00

#### Out of County Sample Prices

Bacteria- \$35.00

Mineral-\$35.00

Both-\$50.00