

Water Sampling Instructions for Bacteria Test (small hard plastic bottle)

1. Take sample from the faucet at the well. If there is none, use the first faucet from the well.
2. Disinfect the faucet with Isopropyl Alcohol (spray on or submerge in a cup) or a torch.
3. Turn water on and allow the water to run for a minute or two.
4. Turn to slow stream and fill bottle as close to the line as possible without going over or under.
5. Bring the sample to the District office within 30 minutes to 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.

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

1. Remove lid and blow container up like a balloon.
2. Fill container.

Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District accepts BACTERIA samples Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and MINERAL samples Monday through Thursdays 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the district offices located at 440 FM 3240, Bandera, TX.

**** BCRAGD will not accept bacteria samples on Fridays. Sorry for the Inconvenience.**

**** BCRAGD only accepts cash & checks.**