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Center for the Management, Utilization and Protection of Water Resources Environmental Quality Laboratory
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Web Site: https://www.tntech.edu/research/centersandfacilities/wrc/lab/index.php

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BACTERIA SAMPLING

IMPORTANT: Samples for bacterial analysis must be analyzed within six hours of collection.

Bacteria samples are accepted Monday through Thursday, 8:00am - 3:00pm, in Prescott Hall, Room 426. **No samples will be accepted on Fridays.** Contact Phillip Burr with any questions at (931) 372-3538.

Special care must be taken when collecting a sample for bacteria analysis. Obtain a new, unopened bottled water. The standard size is usually around 16.9oz (500mL). The container is certified by the manufacturer to be sterile, but should not be opened until you are ready to collect the sample.

Turn your faucet on and let it run for about thirty seconds. Open the drinking water bottle, pour out the contents, hold the container under the water stream and fill it to the shoulder of the bottle, leaving a little headspace. Re-cap the bottle. This container MUST BE transported to the lab on ice or in a cooler kept cold as soon as possible after collection. **This sample cannot be sent through the mail or other express delivery.**

Directions to the Water Center Laboratory: 1020 Stadium Dr. Cookeville, TN 38505 Prescott Hall, Room 426

A parking spot for our customers is located between Prescott Hall and Brown Hall. The parking lot is a one-way drive. From I-40, take Exit 286 and go **NORTH** on **Willow Avenue** for 2.8 miles. Turn **RIGHT** (at Pizza Hut) onto **7th Street**. Take **second LEFT** (0.2 miles) onto **Stadium Drive**. At the 4-way stop, go **STRAIGHT**. At the next 4-way stop, turn **RIGHT** onto **10th Street**. You will pass Prescott Hall and Brown Hall on the left. Immediately after Brown Hall turn **LEFT**. Follow the parking lot to the left, to the opposite end of Brown Hall. The spot is on the west wall of Brown Hall. There is a sign designating it for Water Center visitors. Our building is directly across from the parking spot. Prescott Hall, room 426.

