

# INYO COUNTY WATER LAB

## 2025 Instructions on filling out the water lab

slip.

Sample Collection Location	Sample Date & Time	Bottle ID	Sampler Init.
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<b>Sample Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat <input type="checkbox"/> Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>Water Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Potable <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>Is Sample Chlorinated?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Residual:   PPM	<b>Test Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> P/A <input type="checkbox"/> QT <input type="checkbox"/> QT2000

1. Enter sample location, example: Place address, noting what the water came out of northeast hose bib, kitchen sink faucet, well sample tap.
2. Date and time the sample was collected. All samples are time sensitive and must be processed in the lab within 30 hours of collection time (potable samples) and within 8 hours of collection time (non-potable samples), please call the water lab for details at (760) 878-0234. It is best to collect samples same day as dropping off. Please keep the sample refrigerated until drop off. If you have a small cooler, place an ice block/blue ice in the cooler and transport the sample until it can be placed into the refrigerator at the Bishop or Independence drop off location.
3. On top of the bottle cap, write small with waterproof sharpie (after sample is taken), a unique name that will identify the sample bottle with the Bottle ID label on the lab slip, i.e. customer name or address. The Bottle ID on the lab slip and the bottle cap should match exactly.
4. The person taking the sample initials here.

**Sample type:** *Routine* (a bacteriological compliance sample the water supplier is required to collect on a regular basis) *Repeat* (sample taken in response to a total coliform and or E. coli positive routine sample for a public water system) *Other* (investigative, start up, new construction, special non-compliance sample for public water systems)

**Water type:** *Potable* (ground water, untreated or treated, or drinking water) *Pool* (swimming or spa) *Surface water* (above ground or ground water under the influence of surface water) Call the lab if this is the first time collecting a sample with surface water. *Other* (example: other than listed above)

**Is Sample Chlorinated?** The water would need to be tested to see if chlorine is present. Private wells are not usually chlorinated, please call the Environmental Health Department at (760) 878-0238 if you have any questions. If your water system is regularly disinfected, then enter the chlorine residual tested with a meter.

**Test Type:**

**PA** presence or absence of total coliform and Escherichia coli, cost \$38

**QT** quantifies with most probable number (MPN) result between 0 and >200.5 of total coliform and Escherichia coli, cost \$50

**QT2000** quantifies with MPN result between 0 and >2419.6 total coliform and Escherichia coli, cost \$55

Samples will be invoiced to the customer the first week of the following month.

**Water sample drop off locations and schedule:**

**Inyo County Consolidated Office Building Bishop**, 1360 N. Main Street, lobby refrigerator, **Potable Samples Only** drop off samples 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Courier pickup is at 8:15 am Monday through Thursday for transport to the Independence Lab. No sample pickups or lab setups on Friday, county holiday, or the day before a county holiday.

**Inyo County Water Lab Independence**, 168 N. Edwards Street, Annex Building lobby refrigerator, **Potable Samples** drop off 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday or 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday. **Non-Potable/Surface Water Samples** drop off 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Thursday. No sample lab setups on Friday, county holiday, or the day before a county holiday.