**Water Sample Instructions**

Tips and Guidance for Total Coliform and E.Coli Sampling

* Remove any attachments on the faucet (pay attention to how the attachment goes back on – take a picture if needed)
* If you want to use a disinfectant wipe (Clorox wipe, alcohol wipe, etc.) to clean the area, you may do so
* Allow water to flow for 2-3 minutes before sampling
* Do NOT touch the inside of the lid or container
* Do NOT rinse or overfill container (it must be filled to the 100 ml mark – a little over is okay)
* Replace the cap on the bottle and place inside the plastic bag and inside the Styrofoam container.
* ***Return to the health department on the day the sample is taken (Monday- Wednesday before 3pm). Holidays and bad weather may change the days and times of receiving samples.***

 