

# Best Practice Sample Submission

## Water for Bacterial Coliform Count Testing

### Sample collection

- Please provide at least "150 mL or 2 cups" for a water test

### Submission form

- Complete the Laboratory for Udder Health submission form
- Many different sites/locations can be sent in one box, as long as the samples are placed in separate bags clearly labeled with a patron name.
- There should be a separate submission form included for each site/location. This ensures that the appropriate tests are performed and results are available to the proper parties
- One submission form can be used for multiple test requests as long as the samples are clearly labeled. Please make sure it is very clear which tests apply to which set of samples (perhaps add a picture).
- Seal submission forms in a separate bag from the samples being submitted.

### Packaging and shipping

- Fill empty space in the container with packing material to prevent tubes and ice packs from moving around inside the box during shipping.
- Sample should be frozen before shipping to ensure that bacterial overgrowth does not occur during shipping.
- Ship samples in an insulated shipping container with freezer packs.
  - Liquid samples submitted in whirl pacs or other bags will be subject to an additional handling fee.