

- **BEFORE SAMPLING**

- You can get a proper water sample bottle from WRF Laboratory. They are available in the front entrance. Only water collected directly into these bottles will be accepted.
- Plan to sample your well water when you're sure you can deliver to a WRF Laboratory within 24 hours - preferably on the same day it's collected
- Your water sample must be kept cool – do not store or transport in warm places such as your trunk.

- **HOW TO SAMPLE**

- Follow these steps carefully so that the sterile water sample bottle obtained from the laboratory does not become contaminated, and sample water only intended for drinking water.
- **Remove any aerator, screen, or other attachment from your kitchen faucet.** If you cannot do this, take a sample from an inside tap with no aerator, such as the bathtub. Do not take a sample from an outside faucet or the garden hose.
- **Run the cold tap** for 2 – 3 minutes.
- Swab the end of the faucet spout with isopropyl alcohol or diluted bleach solution (1 part household bleach to 10 parts water) to remove debris or bacteria. Do not disinfect the spout with a flame because this can damage the faucet.
- **Turn on the cold water again.** Let it run for two to three minutes before collecting sample
- **Remove the lid of the sample bottle.** Do not touch the inside of the lid, put the lid down, or touch it with anything other than the water being collected. Do not rinse out the bottle.
- **Fill the bottle to the level that is marked** (Between the two lines) Close the lid firmly and refrigerate.
- **Results are unreliable if the sample is improperly collected, stored or transported.**
- Fill out the Water Bacteriology Form provided with the sample bottle. Use an ink pen only. Fill out Sampler, Date, Hour, Location, return Name and Address

- **PAYMENT**

- The cost is \$27 per sample. If you do not have an account with the City of Elko, you may pay prior to sample delivery at City Hall (1751 College Ave. next to the Convention Center), or you may leave payment at the lab if you have the exact amount.