

## Water Testing Sampling Instructions

Results are only as good as your sample

## **Agricultural (Complete Nutrient) Water Sample Collection:**

- 1. Use a clean Mason jar or empty water bottle.
- 2. Rinse the container with water that is being collected.
- 3. Collect one (1) pint or 16oz of water for your sample.
- 4. Do not subject the sample to extreme temperatures.



- 5. PLEASE carefully complete and sign the Imperial Analytics Sample Order & Chain of Custody Form. We CANNOT process any orders or perform any tests with an incomplete order form. Be sure to select the test(s) you want performed and include your complete contact information. Order forms can be found at Imperial Analytics, DBS, Imperial Analytics website: <a href="https://www.imperialanalytics.com">www.imperialanalytics.com</a>
- 6. You may drop off your samples at Imperial Analytics.

## Sampling from a Piped Water Source

- 1. Allow water to flow for **30 seconds to a minute** (enough time to clear the pipes of water).
- 2. Rinse container with water that is being collected.
- 3. Using a clean plastic or glass container, collect one (1) pint or 16oz of the sample.
- 4. Seal the container, make sure it is not leaking.
- Record the date of collection and the source (spring/creek, faucet, irrigation, etc.).





## **Sampling from Standing Water**

- 1. Using a clean ladle or scoop, collect sample by skimming the surface of the source while being careful not to stir particulates from the bottom.
- 2. Transfer the sample into a clean plastic or glass container.
- 3. Rinse container with a little water that is being collected.
- 4. Repeat the process until the sample amount is one (1) pint or 16oz.
- 5. Seal the container; make sure it is not leaking.
- 6. Record the date of collection and source (pond, reservoir, lake, cistern, etc.).

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If you have additional questions, please call Imperial Analytics. Thank you!