Columbia County Central Laboratory

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General Testing Information

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Available Tests:

The Laboratory is equipped to analyze water samples for a variety of parameters. The following is a list of tests we are able to perform for the public:

Ammonia	Iron
BOD	Manganese
Chlorine	Total Coliform Bacteria
Dissolved Oxygen	Total Suspended Solids
Fecal Bacteria	Volatile Suspended Solids
Hardness	

For pricing information, please call the Laboratory at 706-868-3460 on Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Sample Collection:

1. A sample bottle may be purchased at the Central Laboratory or Waterworks Administration Office.

2. Collect the sample without letting anything but the well water touch the inside of the bottle. Detailed sample collection instructions are included with the sample bottle.

3. Complete the requested label information and affix the label to sample container:

4. Return the sample to the Central Lab (THE SAME DAY IT IS COLLECTED, IF IT IS A BACTERIA SAMPLE). The Lab accepts samples Monday – Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Thursday from 8 AM to 12 PM. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT BACTERIA SAMPLES ON FRIDAYS or THE DAY BEFORE A COUNTY HOLIDAY.**

5. Complete the shaded portion of the form.

Results:

1. The analysis takes 1 to 5 days depending on the test, and the results will be mailed to the customer.

2. If the results are needed immediately, then prior arrangements must be made with the Lab to pick up the letter.

3. If the sample tests **positive** for Total Coliforms, then the well will have to be retested. **The lab cannot give the customer a letter saying the well is OK until a retest is negative.** For the retest, the customer may pick up another bottle at the laboratory. The lab will perform one free retest.

4. Also, if the sample tests positive, the County recommends the customer disinfect the well with chlorine bleach before collecting another sample. Detailed information on the disinfection procedure is on the Lab's main webpage or at the Lab. A free copy can be obtained when picking up a retest bottle.

For additional information, please call the Laboratory at 706-868-3460.