



## Class A - Public Drinking Water Facility Operator and Minimum Monitoring Requirements

### System Requirements

As required by the *Environmental Protection Act* Drinking Water and Wastewater Facility Operating Regulations, the owner of a Class A public water supply facility shall ensure that:

1. the system is operated by a **Certified Plumber or a Certified Small Water Systems Operator**; and
2. water quality samples are collected and analyzed for the presence of total coliform bacteria and *E. coli* from each source of supply, and from at least one site within the distribution system, on a quarterly basis each year.

### Sampling Requirements

Quarterly sampling is a **minimum requirement**; however owners/operators may require additional or more frequent sampling in order to ensure public safety. Additionally, further sampling can be requested by the Department of Communities Land and Environment and/or the Department of Health and Wellness.

Time Period	Sampling Required in Each Time Period
First Quarter (January 1 – March 31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one sample from each source of supply (well) for total coliform bacteria and <i>E. coli</i></li> <li>• samples from at least one site within the distribution system for total coliform bacteria and <i>E. coli</i></li> </ul>
Second Quarter (April 1 – June 30)	
Third Quarter (July 1 – September 30)	
Fourth Quarter (October 1 – December 31)	
At Least Every 3 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sample is collected from each source of supply (well) and analyzed for general chemical analysis</li> </ul>

**Seasonal operations** are required to:

1. submit well and distribution samples prior to start-up; and
2. meet the sampling frequencies in the table above during their period of operation.

### Requisition Form Requirements

To ensure that you get credit for having submitted samples, ensure that you use the “official” facility name when completing the requisition form that accompanies the water sample bottles.

Please use the proper sample requisition form, entitled:

***Request for  
Drinking Water Analysis  
Drinking Water Supply Utility  
(Systems supporting five or more locations)***

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