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### **Well Water Testing Program**

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering the Well Water Testing Program to Hamilton County residents. Well water samples are tested for total coliforms, *E. coli*, and chloride levels. Deliver refrigerated water samples to the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District office on Monday, July 25; Monday, August 1; or Monday, August 29 from 8 am – 12 pm. Water samples must be collected the same day of delivery. The office is located at 102 County View Drive off of South Shore Road in the white house across from the tennis courts and County Courthouse Complex. Payment by cash or check (\$15 per kit) is due in full upon delivery. Results will be mailed to you approximately a week after drop off. Please note the District is not a certified lab, and the potability results are for information only, and **not for legal purposes**. For more information please do not hesitate to contact our office.

### **Well Water Sample Procedure**

1. Take water samples the morning that you plan to deliver them to the District office.
2. Your test kit contains 2 plastic water sample bags and an index card.
3. Write your name and date on the white strip of both water sample bags.
4. On the index card, provide the following information:
  - a. name
  - b. mailing address
  - c. phone number
  - d. date and time the samples were taken
  - e. source of the water (dug or drilled well, lake etc.)
5. Wash your hands to prevent contamination.
6. If you are taking a sample from a faucet:
  - a. Take the screen off the end of the faucet
  - b. If the faucet has a filter, remove it
  - c. Flame the end of your faucet with a kitchen match or lighter for sterilization
  - d. Run the cold water for at least three minutes. Do not touch the end of the faucet
7. Carefully tear off the perforated strip above the tabs. Grab the short white tabs to gently pull the top apart. Do not touch the inside of the bag. Fill the bag to the line with water from the faucet or other water source. Carefully close the bag, gently squeezing out the air. Fold the top of the bag over 3 times and bring the two long yellow tabs together and twist them. Your bag is now sealed.
8. Repeat step 7 and fill the second bag with water and seal.
9. Place both water sample bags and completed index card in the large plastic bag. Refrigerate samples until delivery and if possible, place in a cooler during transportation.