

Water Testing - Frequently Asked Question

Koochiching Health Department Water Testing Service

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What is KCPH cost for testing?

\$25 cash or a check payable to KCPH when you drop off the collection bottle. Sorry NO credit cards.

Can I use my own bottle?

No. Pick up a collection bottle and the collection instructions at our office.

Where/when can I pick up a water bottle to test my water?

Monday-Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM (Closed on National Holidays). If you live in an outlying area, we can mail a bottle; however, the sample cannot be mailed back due to the testing being time sensitive.

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What day do I return my water sample to have it tested?

Tuesdays from 8 AM – Noon (Closed on National Holidays)
(Under certain circumstances an exception to the Noon deadline may be made)

What do you test for at Koochiching County?

Total Coliform and *E. coli* bacteria.

What if I need more than these two items tested?

You can check with PACE Analytical out of Virginia MN, *for details call them at (218) 742-1042.*
We are a drop off center for them on Wednesdays before noon; *however, they are the ones that will answer your questions and provide a bottle, cost and the information they require.*

How do I find out the results?

We attempt to call you on Wednesday afternoon with the results, we also mail a copy of the results, usually within 48 hours.

What if my results are positive for one of the tests done?

We will give you instructions on the best protocol or you can research a protocol on the internet.

My realtor is requiring a water test for the sale of my home and I am not able to do the collecting.

Call us at (218) 283-7070. We have the name/number of a third party who may be able to help you.