

**Koochiching County Public Health
Water Testing - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

What is KCPH cost for testing?

\$25 cash or a check payable to KCPH along with a self-addressed, stamped return envelope 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 directions 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.

*Koochiching County Public Health & Human Services
Forestland Annex
1000 5th St, 2nd Floor
International Falls MN 56649
(218) 283-7070*

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 upon prior contact and staff availability)

What do you test for at Koochiching County?

Total Coliform and E-coli

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 normally try to call you on Wednesday PM with the results but we also mail you a copy of the results, usually within a 48 hour period.

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 283-7070. We have the name/number of a third party who may be able to help you.