



# SWIMMING POOL AND SPA SAMPLING PROCEDURES

1. Swimming pool and spa samples should be collected using sterile bottles provided by the Southwest Utah Public Health Water Lab – available from the lab at no cost
2. Remove seal and remove lid from bottle;
  - A. Do not touch the inside of bottle or lid
  - B. Do not allow the white powder (sodium thiosulfate) to drop out (it usually adheres to the bottle due to static electricity)
  - C. Do not blow into bottle
  - D. Do not wipe out bottle
  - E. Do not rinse out bottle
  - F. Do not touch bottle to tap or faucet
3. Holding the bottle with the opening downward, carefully place bottle under the surface of the water to a depth of six (6) inches, minimum;
4. Fill the container with a single sweeping arc under the water;
5. Bring the container out of the water and replace the cap immediately;
6. Swimming pool samples should be kept at less than 50°F (10°C) – usually an ice chest with an ice pack will suffice. Total coliform and E. coli samples must reach the lab and be analyzed within 30 hours from the time of collection. **Do NOT allow samples to overheat in a hot vehicle!!!**

**PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!**

(We recommend a telephone call before delivering samples)

**Sample Receiving Hours: M-Th from 8 am to 5 pm**

(Samples cannot be received on days prior to holidays)