

Water Test Kits (fees subject to change)

Water test kits are available for purchase through Rice County Environmental Services, located in the Rice County Government Services Building, 320 NW Third St in Faribault.

Basic Water Test: \$55/kit

Tests for: coliform bacteria, E coli bacteria, nitrate, nitrite, sulfate, chloride, fluoride

Partial Test Options (if there is a need to test or re-test for only one substance)

Basic Chemistry test (anions): \$ 31.00

Bacteria test: \$ 31.00

Quantified bacteria test (# of Bacteria): \$ 35.00

Residents purchase the water test kit, collect the water sample, and ensure that the kit is delivered to a United Parcel Service (UPS) facility within 30 minutes of collection. To ensure speedy test results, the best days to collect the water sample are Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

Results of the water test typically take three business days and are emailed, faxed or mailed directly to the person collecting the sample. A copy of the test results are also provided to Rice County Environmental Services, whereupon an "interpretation of results" is completed and such provided to the person who collected the sample.

Rice County accepts credit card, check or cash payments for the water test kits. The fees include analysis of the sample and postage for the delivery of the kit to the Olmsted Regional Laboratory in Rochester.

For more information, please contact Rice County Environmental Services:

- From Faribault: 507-332-6113
- From Northfield: 507-645-9576
- From Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

Rice County Environmental Services Staff is available to perform the water collection for testing upon request; the combined fee for the test kit and collection is \$ 135.00.

Lead Testing: Owner must consult a certified Laboratory directly to request a test kit

Minnesota Valley Testing Laboratories	507-354-8517
1126 North Front Street	800-782-3557
New Ulm, MN 56073	