## TIPS TO AVOID SAMPLE REJECTION OR DELAYS

- ✓ SUBMIT 2 SAMPLES IF YOU WANT ALL STANDARD TESTS
  - 1. One sterile container for Bacteria (total coliforms and e.coli)
  - 2. One clean water bottle (6-12oz) for all 3 chemical tests (Lead + Nitrate + Nitrite)
- ✓ FILL CONTAINER TO THE NECK

Too much water is better than not enough. Sample will be rejected if there is not enough water. (Ignore the line. If you choose to focus on the line, fill water ½" ABOVE the line.)

- ✓ INCLUDE PAYMENT We must receive payment at the time of processing. No exceptions. We accept cash, check, or money order. No credit cards.
- ✓ COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM INCLUDING
  - EMAIL send us a short email (such as "Joe's sample in dropbox") so we have your correct email address to send the report)
  - DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION deliver the sample the same day you collect it.
  - TESTS NEEDED
  - o SIGNATURE chain of custody requirement
- ✓ IDENTIFY SAMPLE to match form to sample
  - WRAP form & payment around sample, Secure with rubber band, & Place inside cooler, in the dropbox.
    - OR -
  - PUT sample & form & payment inside a sandwich-size baggie (remove any ice) & Place inside cooler, in the dropbox.
    - OR -
  - LABLE sample with name and place inside cooler, in the dropbox.
    Place form & payment next to the cooler in dropbox.
    Label <u>both</u> bacteria and chemical samples.