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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING COMPLIANCE WATER SAMPLES FOR **Radon** RADON WATER

**(Both vials are to be collected at the same point and following the steps below)**

1. Collect sample at the sample point preprinted on the sample form.
2. Remove any screen, hoses and aerators from end of faucet.
3. Run COLD water for 3 to 5 minutes to make sure water has not been sitting for a long time in pipes or tanks and is fresh from the well.
4. Reduce water flow to 1/8 inch diameter stream.
5. Remove vial cap. Do not allow inside of cap, inside of vial, or vial threads to be touched by any object.
6. Carefully fill the vial until water is actually above the vial rim. Then, partially fill the cap from the same tap and quickly hook the cap over the top of the vial. The Teflon side of the septum must be down.
7. Screw cap on securely and check for air bubbles by inverting the vial and gently tapping the cap. Samples with bubbles cannot be analyzed. If bubbles are present, empty the vial and repeat the sampling procedure (steps 1-7).
8. Fill the second vial using the same procedure (steps 1-7).
9. Fill out the required information on sample form. **SIGN THE FORM!** The samples will not be processed unless the form has a signature! Return vials with completed paperwork to lab. The maximum holding time is 4 days.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS....PLEASE CALL THE MAINE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM  
AT (207) 287-2070 OR YOUR LABORATORY**