

How to Submit Pond Water Samples

- ► Learn how to submit pond water samples to be tested for total alkalinity and total hardness.
- 1. Use a 16.9- to 20-ounce plastic bottle with a screw-on lid. No glass.
- 2. Rinse the bottle well.
- **3.** Submerge the clean plastic bottle in your pond, and allow all the air to bubble out.
- **4.** Replace the cap. Tip: Fill the sample bottle fully and minimize the amount of dirt and plant matter in the sample. Never submit a weed sample in a water sample.
- **5.** Label the sample with your name and phone number, including area code.
- **6.** Package the sample in an appropriate container, such as a box or mail pouch, and mail to your county Extension office.

To be completed by the county Extension office. Samples can be mailed to:

Name/Office:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:



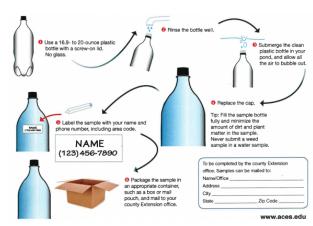


Illustration of 6 simple steps for submitting pond water samples.



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