

**After shocking your well**, re-test for bacteria to be sure that all of the bacteria have been eliminated.

**BEFORE re-testing for bacteria** - the chlorine bleach must be flushed out of the well and plumbing. The chlorine will eventually be removed by running the water in your home.

- It normally takes **2 full weeks** of using the water daily in the home to remove all of the chlorine.
- When you can no longer smell chlorine in the water, the system should be flushed for **an additional 4 to 5 days**.

When your water is ready to re-test for bacteria, **please collect 2 samples**.

- **First**, you will need to sanitize the faucet to remove any bacteria that may be living inside the faucet:
  - If the faucet has an aerator/screen, remove it and disinfect the faucet mouth inside and outside with a paper towel soaked with rubbing alcohol or bleach (do not use disinfecting wipes). Let the faucet mouth sit without running the water for 10 minutes. Then, run cold water for 10 minutes. Do not collect samples from a hose!
- **Collect the first sample** in a clean, plain, glass jar or Tupperware container. Fill the container all the way to the very top. Do not leave any air inside the container and bring it with you when you bring your sample for bacteria testing. We will test this sample (at no charge) to make sure that all of the chlorine is gone.
- **Collect the second sample** in the sterile bottle provided by Community Science Institute.
- **It is very important to bring both samples.** We will test the first sample to make sure all the chlorine is gone. If we find chlorine *before* testing for bacteria, you can take a new sample a few days later and will not be charged for a bacteria test. If you do not bring in two samples, we cannot test for chlorine until after we test for bacteria. If we test and find chlorine *after* testing for bacteria, we cannot refund your money or issue a report.