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Fact Sheet

Routine Coliform Monitoring Requirements

Group A public water systems must perform routine coliform monitoring. The minimum number of samples required each calendar month depends on the type of water system, the number of people served, and the sources of the water. A month's population is the total number of residential and nonresidential users. You can find the population, number of connections, and the assigned coliform monitoring schedule for your water system on your *Water Facilities Inventory* form.

A noncommunity water system serving fewer than 25 people per month that uses only protected groundwater sources may have a reduced monitoring schedule. A reduced monitoring schedule is not possible for a water system served by a surface water source or a groundwater source influenced by surface water.

This table lists the minimum number of routine samples required for community, nontransient noncommunity, and transient noncommunity water systems. If your water system serves more than 8,500 people, see the table in WAC 246-290-300.

Population Served During the Month	Routine Monthly Samples
0	0*
1 – 1,000	1
1,001 – 2,500	2
2,501 – 3,300	3
2,301 – 4,100	4
4,101 – 4,900	5
4,901 – 5,800	6
5,801 – 6,700	7
6,701 – 7,600	8
7,601 – 8,500	9

** Monitoring is not required for a calendar month when a water system does not serve water to any consumers. If this is due to unusual circumstances, contact our regional office. If your water system remains open during a month it is normally closed, you must sample according to the above table.*

For more information:

Call your ODW regional office.

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