## For more information

Phone: 306-787-7138
Toll-free: 1-866-450-0000
Or visit our website at

#### www.health.gov.sk.ca/water-testing

For sample bottles & requisition forms:

Fax: 306-798-0071 Or download forms at

#### www.health.gov.sk.ca/water-requisition-forms

Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory (SDCL) Environmental Services

5 Research Drive, Regina, SK S4S 0A4

*Directions:* Take Wascana Parkway North from Ring Road, turn right onto Research Drive (at Innovation Place adjacent to the University of Regina), and proceed around traffic circle to 5 Research Drive.



# Did you know?

Less than 3 per cent of municipal water is used for drinking.

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# Water testing Promoting good health

Safe, clean water is important to all Saskatchewan residents.

The Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory, through the Environmental Services section, has been testing water quality in the province for more than 100 years.

Using state-of-the-art equipment, a team of highly skilled and dedicated technicians perform more than 50 different tests on a variety of water samples.

# Types of water we test

- Drinking water
- Livestock water
- Irrigation water
- Swimming pool water
- River, lake and slough water

## Did you know?

Each year, the lab conducts more than 180,000 tests on water samples.



#### **Common tests**

- **Bacteria** e.g. coliform and E.coli
- Minerals nuisance metals e.g. iron, manganese, calcium, and minerals that contribute to hard water
- **Toxic metals** e.g. lead, arsenic, uranium
- Physical properties pH (acidity), conductivity (dissolved solids)

# **Specialized tests**

- Blue-green algae
- Mercury in fish
- Disinfection byproducts (compounds formed after adding chlorine/bleach to water when disinfecting)

#### **Useful links**

- www.saskh2o.ca ... SaskH2O.ca brings together information and services available from the Government of Saskatchewan that relate to water.
- www.health.gov.sk.ca/public-health-offices ... Water sampling bottles and information are available at these local public health offices.

## Cost of services

We offer tests at a reasonable cost:

- Bacteria testing from \$21.00.
- Metals and many other tests begin at \$10.50.
- Discount test panels e.g. water quality testing panel costs \$94.50 (a 25% saving over the cost of the 17 individual tests).

## Did you know?

More than 150,000 people rely on private water wells in Saskatchewan.

# **Timely results**

- Bacteria testing results are available 24 hours after samples are submitted.
- Other test results are available in approximately seven working days or less.

## Accessible customer service

We will work with you one-on-one and provide advice on:

- Types of tests to order
- Advice on water treatment options
- Obtaining additional information

## Did you know?

Human beings need 2.4 litres of water daily through drinking or eating.