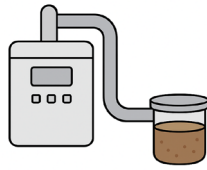


## **SPECIMEN COLLECTION & SHIPPING PROCCES FOR WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE TESTING**



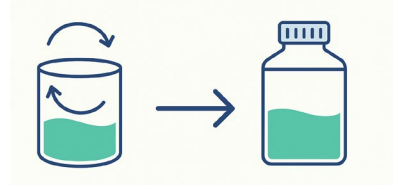
### **01. Composite sample**

Create a 24-hour composite sample of pre-treated sewage influent with the aid of an autosampler.



### **03. Label and sample transfer**

Write collection date and time on the container label. Transfer liquid of the composite sample into the plastic container (leaving about an inch of headspace). Close the container tightly to avoid leakages and place inside the biohazard bag with absorbent sheets. Store in fridge (2-10 °C) until ready to prepare for courier pick up.



### **02. Mix before transferring**

Make sure to thoroughly stir the composite sample before transferring it from the autosampler container to the sample container to prevent biosolids from collecting at the bottom. This can be done manually. **This step is very important!**



### **04. Fill out test requisition form**

Fill out the test requisition form (electronically preferred on Lab Web Portal). Place form in the outside sleeve of biohazard bag.

### **05. Preparation for shipping**

To have samples ready for courier by Tuesday morning at 9 am, obtain the biohazard bag with the collected composite sample and place in cooler provided by the public health Laboratory flat at the bottom of the cooler and cover with the frozen cold packs.

The sample is now ready to be shipped back to the lab for testing.

