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Collecting a Sample:

1. Label the sample bag with the location and date before collecting the sample
2. Remove the swab from the bag by the handle without touching the inside of the bag
3. With the scraping blade on the swabbing area, swab the area in a crosshatch fashion.



After Collecting the Sample:



① Return the sampler to the bag after sampling.



② Grab the sponge and pull the handle off the sponge.



③ Remove the handle from the bag.



④ Release the sponge into the bag.

- Roll down the sample bag and twist the wire ends together
- Fill out the order form selecting specific organisms you would like to test for. One sample can be tested for **Listeria** OR **E. coli** and/or **Salmonella**. **One sample cannot be tested for all three organisms.**
- Ice or refrigerate the sample. Return the sample to the laboratory within **36 hours of collection.**

Hours of Operation: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm