



**SAN MATEO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
TEST INFORMATION**

Section: Environmental

Test Name: Color

Test Includes: True and/or apparent color	
<i>Reporting</i>	
Results Available: Tuesday through Friday	Contact Number: 650-573-2500
<i>Reference</i>	
Method: Spectrophotometric method	
Turnaround Time: 1-2 days	Reference Range: <15 color units
Limitations: Delivery within 4 hours of collection. No weekend testing of routine samples.	Interpretation: Drinking water ≥ 15 units is positive. Other waters have no TLV.
<i>Specimen Requirements</i>	
Specimen Collection: Lab provided bottles	Sample Type: Any water sample
Volume/Amount Required: Minimum 500	Preferred Specimen:
Collection/Preservation: N/A	Storage Instructions: 2-4° C
Causes for Rejection: Too long in transit. Not in proper container.	Sample Container: Approved environmental air-tight sample bottle.
Sample Test Kit:	Availability:
Test Information: Color will be reported as true or apparent color. Drinking water ≥ 15 color units will be reported immediately by phone.	
<i>Specimen Submission</i>	
Request Form: Environmental Test Request	Specimen Handling:
Transport Temperature: <10° C	Shipping Requirements:
<i>Billing</i>	
Effective Date: July 1, 2008	Fees: \$15.45