

IMPORTANT

Please Read

The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) has a **Quality Control Plan**. This Plan assures that samples collected by volunteers meet the rigorous standards of management agencies. Because of this Plan, volunteers can be certain that their hard work produces useable, acceptable data. To maintain this high standard the CLMP must sometimes not analyze samples, when they fall outside the Plan's standards. To ensure analysis of all your samples, please carefully read and follow the printed monitoring instructions you received.

Particularly, please take note of these requirements, which sometimes cause problems for samplers:

For Secchi Disk

- 1. Collect your Secchi disk transparency reading over the deep basin of the lake.**
- 2. Collect your reading over the shaded side of the boat between 10:00am and 4:00pm.**
- 3. Consistently collect your transparency reading weekly or every other week throughout the summer sampling season.**
- 4. Record the Lake Sampling Site (Field ID) Number (found on a list included in your sampling documents mailing) on your data form. This is NOT your lake's ASN number.**
- 5. Send the data form in no later than the appointed cutoff date of October 30th.**

Besides these requirements, please be sure to follow all the other sampling procedures given in the printed sampling instructions. Let's make every sample count. We appreciate your commitment to the CLMP and lake protection.

Thank you.