



January 2026

Re: Public Water System Sample Schedules for 2026 and 2027

To Whom It May Concern,

We hope this letter finds you well. As part of the Department's ongoing efforts to support public water systems, we are providing the sampling schedules for 2026 and 2027, along with the associated cost estimates for your system. Please review the enclosed documents carefully.

Important Reminders and News:

- **Sampling Kits:** If it's nearing the end of a monitoring period (month or quarter) and you have not received an expected sampling kit, please contact your regional compliance officer as soon as possible. Early notification is essential to ensure your system remains in compliance and sampling deadlines are met.
- **Drinking Water Contact Information:** Along with the sample schedules, we have included a map of drinking water contacts. Please review this information closely, as there have been several recent updates to staffing in various regions.
- **New DWEE Website:** We are excited to announce that the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) has launched a newly redesigned website, which can be accessed at the following new URL: <https://dwee.nebraska.gov/>. The updated site incorporates all programs from our previous NDEE website and those from the former Department of Natural Resources website into one central location for our new merged agency, DWEE. The site features improved navigation and a wealth of resources to assist you in managing your water system compliance requirements. We encourage you to visit the site regularly for updates, forms, guidelines, and other essential information.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, do not hesitate to reach out to your regional compliance officer or contact our office directly. We are here to help you navigate these requirements and maintain the safety and quality of the water you provide each day.

Thank you for your continued dedication to safe drinking water and for your cooperation in ensuring compliance with all necessary regulations.

Sincerely,



Laura Johnson,
Drinking Water Division Administrator

Water and Wastewater Operator Training Planned for Nebraska in 2026

NOTE – Dates, locations, and format of the listed training may change through the year. Contact the training provider to verify those conditions prior to the scheduled event.

January

1 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
7-9 **LoNM** – Utilities Section Conference – Lincoln
12 - 16 **NeRWA** - Grade 6 Course – Wahoo
12 – 16 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Omaha
14 **NeRWA**-Firth (water)
16 **TBR** – Omaha (backflow)
19 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
21 **NeRWA** – Wahoo (wastewater)
27 **LoNM/AWWA** – Kearney (water)
28-29 **LoNM/NWOD** – Snowball Wastewater Conference – Kearney

February

2 – 6 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – South Sioux City
3 - 5 **DWEE DW** – Grade 4 Course – Norfolk
6 **TBR** – South Sioux City (backflow)
11 **NeRWA** – Tecumseh (water)
18 **NeRWA** – Wood River (wastewater)
16 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
18 **DWEE WW** – Lincoln (Lagoons)
19 **DWEE WW** – Lincoln (WW test day)
23 – 27 **DWEE DW** – Grades 1&2 Course – Omaha (Platte West)

March

4 **MAP** – Madison (wastewater)
4 **Region 12 ABPA** Conference – Kearney (backflow)
6 **MAP** – Beatrice (wastewater)
9 – 11 **NeRWA** – Conference – Kearney (water, wastewater, backflow)
9 – 13 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Lincoln
9-12 **NWEA** Gr 1&2 Wastewater Class - Hastings
13 **TBR** – Lincoln (backflow)
17 **LoNM/AWWA** – Chadron (water)
18 **LoNM/AWWA** – Ogallala (water)
19 **LoNM/AWWA** – Grande Island (backflow)
24 - 26 **DWEE DW** – Grade 4 Course – North Platte
25 **NeRWA** – Wayne (wastewater)

April

1 - 2 **NWEA** – Great Plains Conference – La Vista (WW)
4 **TBR** – Grand Island (backflow)
8 **NeRWA** – Bridgeport (water)
8 **MAP** – Madison (wastewater)
13 E. NE **ABPA** Lincoln (backflow)
13 – 17 **DWEE DW** – Grade 3 Course – Omaha (Grand Island)
13 – 17 **NeRWA** – Grade 6 Course – Wahoo

15 **MAP** – Beatrice (wastewater)
15 **CCC** – Grand Island (Backflow)
15 **DWEE WW** – North Platte (Lagoons)
16 **DWEE WW** – North Platte (WW test day)
21 **LoNM/AWWA** – McCook (water)
20 – 24 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Omaha
24 **TBR** – Omaha (backflow)
22 **MAP** – Crofton (wastewater)
22 **NeRWA** – Franklin (water)
22 **NeRWA** – Auburn (wastewater)
22 **LoNM/AWWA** – Holdredge (water)
23 **LoNM/AWWA** – Hebron (water)
24 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
29 **MAP** – Ashland (wastewater)

May

5 – 9 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Omaha
8 **DWEE WW** – Grand Island (WW test day)
12 - 14 **DWEE DW** – Grade 4 Course – Lincoln
13 **NeRWA** – Macy (water)
14 **NWEA** Wastewater Maintenance Training
19 **LoNM/AWWA** – North Platte (water)
20 **LoNM/AWWA** – Grand Island (water)
20 **NeRWA** – Alliance (wastewater)
21 **LoNM/AWWA** – Lincoln (backflow)
25 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
27 **NeRWA** – Hershey (water)
28 **TBR** – Zoom (backflow)

June

8 – 12 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Gering/ Scottsbluff
10 **CCC** – Columbus (backflow)
10 **DWEE WW** – Lincoln (Lagoons)
11 **DWEE WW** – Lincoln (WW test day)
12 **TBR** – Gering (backflow)
17 **NeRWA** – Niobrara (wastewater)
19 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
22 - 25 **NWEA** Gr 1&2 Wastewater Class -Wahoo
23 **NeRWA** – Sutton (water)

July

3 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
8 **NeRWA** – Chadron (water)
9 **TBR** – Zoom (backflow)
15 – 17 **NWEA** – Heartland Wastewater Conference – Kearney
18 **DWEE WW** – Kearney (WW test day)
20 – 24 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Omaha
20 - 22 **NWEA** Gr 3&4 Wastewater Class - Grand Island

21 – 23 **DWEE DW** – Grade 4 Course – Gering
 22 **NeRWA** – Kearney (wastewater)
 24 **TBR** – Omaha (backflow)
 27-31 **NeRWA** – Grade 6 Course – Wahoo

August

3 – 7 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – S. Sioux City
 5 **NeRWA** – Trenching and Shoring – Wahoo
 6 **NeRWA** – Confined Space – Wahoo (Water, backflow)
 7 **TBR** – S. Sioux City (backflow)
 10 – 14 **DWEE DW** – Grades 1&2 Course – Grand Island
 10-13 **NWEA** Gr 1&2 Wastewater Class -Lincoln
 11 **LoNM/AWWA** – O’Neill (water)
 12 **LoNM/AWWA** – Wayne (backflow)
 12 **NeRWA** – Atkinson (water)
 13 **LoNM/AWWA** – Fremont (water)
 19 **NeRWA** – Bridgeport (wastewater)
 26 **CCC** – Camp Ashland (backflow)
 26 **DWEE WW** – Lincoln (Lagoons)
 27 **DWEE WW** – Lincoln (WW test day)

September

1 - 3 **DWEE DW** – Grade 4 Course – Lincoln
 7 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
 14 – 18 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Lincoln
 15 **LoNM/AWWA** – Gering (water)
 16 **LoNM/AWWA** – Ogallala (backflow)
 17 **LoNM/AWWA** – Lexington (water)
 18 **TBR** – Lincoln (backflow)
 28 - 30 **NWEA** Gr 1&2 Wastewater Class Pt 1 - Norfolk
 29 – Oct. 1 **NeRWA** – Western Conference – Gering (water, wastewater, backflow)

October

12 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
 12 – 16 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – North Platte
 13 E. NE ABPA – Omaha (backflow)
 13-15 **NWEA** Gr 1&2 Wastewater Class Pt 2 - Norfolk
 14 **NeRWA** – Curtis (water)
 14 **DWEE WW** – Norfolk (Lagoons)
 15 **DWEE WW** – Norfolk (WW test day)
 16 **TBR** – North Platte (backflow)
 19 – 23 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Omaha
 19 – 23 **DWEE DW** – Grade 3 Course – Lincoln
 19 – 23 **NeRWA** – Grade 6 Course – Bridgeport
 20 **LoNM/AWWA** – Ainsworth (water)
 21 **LoNM/AWWA** – St. Paul (water)
 21 **NeRWA** – Aurora (wastewater)
 22 **LoNM/AWWA** – Beatrice (backflow)
 23 **TBR** – Omaha (backflow)
 28 **DWEE DW** – Lincoln (Fluoride School)

November

3 **NeRWA** – Wahoo (backflow)

4 **NeRWA** – Wahoo (backflow)
 3 – 5 **AWWA** Joint Conference – Kearney
 11 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
 12 **TBR** – Zoom (backflow)
 17 **NeRWA** – Albion (water)
 18 **NeRWA** – Schuyler (wastewater)
 20 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
 27 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**

December

1 – 3 **DWEE DW** – Grade 4 Course – Grand Island
 7 – 11 **TBR** – Grade 6 Course – Grand Island
 8 **LoNM/AWWA** – Lincoln (water)
 8 **NeRWA** – Wahoo (Backflow)
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 10 **LoNM/AWWA** – Auburn (water)
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January 2027

1 **Holiday – State Lab Closed**
 13 – 15 **LoNM** – Utilities Section Conference – Lincoln
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 26 **LoNM/AWWA** – Kearney (water)
 27 – 28 **LoNM/NWOD** – Snowball Wastewater Conference – Kearney

Contact Information for Listed Events

AWWA – Nebraska Section American Water Works Association. (402) 730-7781

CCC – Central Community College. (877) 222-0780 Ext. 7527 or (308) 398-7527

DWEE DW – Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment Operator Licensing Program. (308) 530-3930 or (402) 471-0523.

E. NE ABPA – Eastern Nebraska Chapter of American Backflow Prevention Association. (402) 570-6690

LoNM – League of Nebraska Municipalities. (402) 476-2829

MAP – Midwest Assistance Program. (402) 276-8752

DWEE WW – Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment Wastewater Operator Certification Program. (402) 471-4244

NeRWA – Nebraska Rural Water Association. (800) 842-8039 or (402) 443-5216

NWEA – Nebraska Water Environment Association. 402-443-3222

NWOD – Nebraska Wastewater Operators Division. (402) 533-1676

Region 12 ABPA – Region 12 of the American Backflow Prevention Association. (308) 530-7758

TBR – Total Backflow Resources. (319) 343-6601

Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

2026 Routine Sample Schedules and Cost Estimate

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City of Terrytown

PWS ID Number: NE3115701	Field Area: 8
PWS Type: Community	Regional Compliance Officer: Mary Poe
PWS Class: 4	Reg. Comp. Officer Phone: 402-471-1003
Primary Source of Water: Purchased Ground Water	

Total Coliform Schedules

Water System Facility: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Sample Name:	Sampling Requirement:	Collect During:	Price:
Total Coliform Colilert	2 Every Month	Per agreement with Contract Laboratory	\$15.00
Prices listed are for DHHS Laboratory, not Contract Laboratory.			
Number of Total Coliform Samples scheduled per year for DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:			24
Total Coliform Schedule Subtotal for DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:			\$360.00
Total Coliform Schedules Grand Total:			\$360.00

All Other Schedules

Water System Facility Type: Distribution System	Water System Facility Availability: All Year
Water System Facility Id: 950	Water System Facility Name: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Sample Name:	Sampling Requirement:	Collect during:	Price Per Sample:	Total:
Scan 552.2 Haloacetic Acids	1 Every Year	August 1 to August 31 2026	\$248.00	\$248.00
VOC Scan 524.2 Total Trihalomethanes	1 Every Year	August 1 to August 31 2026	\$237.00	\$237.00
All Other Schedules Subtotal for DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:				\$485.00

Grand Total Cost Estimate for 2026: \$845.00

This Sample Schedule and Cost Estimate is for planning purposes only, and may be subject to change.

Routine sample kits for water quality analyses will be mailed to the system automatically when using the Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory (NPHEL). If a system has contracted with another certified lab for coliform testing, arrangements will need to be made for sample kits. It is the responsibility of the water operator to ensure that sample kits are received and samples are collected. Sample analyses prices are subject to change.

A positive routine coliform sample “triggers” source water monitoring at the well(s), as required by the Ground Water Rule. In addition to the repeat samples in the distribution system, one coliform sample needs collected from each of the system’s wells in use at the time of the positive routine sample. This is called a Triggered Sample and one will automatically be sent with the repeats (for those systems receiving samples from NPHEL). If more than one well was in operation at the time of the positive routine sample, you will be responsible for requesting extra Triggered Sample kits.

If you have any questions regarding the Sample Schedules or do not receive the sample kits as scheduled, please call your Regional Compliance Officer whose name and phone number is listed on the first page of this Sample Schedule.

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Water System Facility Id: 950

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Lead and Copper	10 Every 3 Years	June 1 to September 30 2027	\$38.00	\$380.00
Scan 552.2 Haloacetic Acids	1 Every Year	August 1 to August 31 2027	\$248.00	\$248.00
VOC Scan 524.2 Total Trihalomethanes	1 Every Year	August 1 to August 31 2027	\$237.00	\$237.00
All Other Schedules Subtotal for DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:				\$865.00

Grand Total Cost Estimate for 2027: \$1,225.00

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