

## **Contact us with any questions before sampling. Samples will be rejected if improperly submitted.**

**Clearly label each sample container.** Use a permanent marker (Sharpie or similar) to indicate the sampling location and the date and time collected.

**Use the proper container to collect your sample and do not rinse out any preservatives present.** Specific sample containers are required for all EPA 537 analyses. Samples will be rejected if collected in the incorrect container and will require re-sampling. If you have any questions, please contact us before sampling (**208-883-2839 [Moscow] or 509-838-3999 [Spokane]**).

**Refrigerate samples or place samples on ice immediately after sampling prior to shipping to lab.** Samples must be submitted to the lab within 48 hours of sampling. EPA 537 protocols have strict preservation and temperature requirements thus samples must arrive at the laboratory cold (< 10 °C) and in the correct containers or samples will be rejected.

**Before submitting your samples to the lab, complete a chain of custody form for each entry point (EP).**

## **EPA 537 requires field blanks to be prepared while collecting samples at each sampling site.**

### **EPA 537: Perfluorinated Alkyl Acids in Drinking Water**

*Bottles:* 250 mL polypropylene plastic (two bottles for each entry point)

Fill the bottle under a slow stream of water until the bottle is filled up to the neck. Gently replace the cap, tighten securely, and invert the sample a few times to dissolve the preservative.

*Field Blanks* (required for each entry point):

You will have one sealed 250 mL plastic bottle that contains preserved, reagent water (labeled *Reagent Water*) and one plastic bottle that is empty (labeled *Field Blank*). At the sampling site, open the bottle containing reagent water and pour it into the empty bottle, replace the cap securely and ship it with the samples.