

# 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 Total Phosphorus**

- 1. Collect your sample over the deep basin of the lake.**
- 2. Leave at least one inch of air space in total phosphorus sample bottles to avoid cracking the bottles or caps when freezing.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. Immediately freeze the sample after collection and keep it frozen through delivery to the DEQ collection center.**
- 5. Turn samples in before the appointed turn-in time (12:00 noon on the scheduled turn-in date).**

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.