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CITY OF MUSCATINE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

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WPCP ENVIRONMENTAL LAB OFFERS TESTING SERVICES

Need a sample analyzed, contact the WPCP Laboratory today

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Environmental Laboratory at the City of Muscatine Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), 1202 Musser Street, Muscatine, Iowa, offers testing services to industries, businesses, and public entities in addition to their regular role of testing at the Muscatine treatment plant.

The laboratory is certified for Clean Water Act (CWA) and safe drinking water (SDW) testing. Services include testing public pools, drinking water, and CWA testing protocols often used for septic discharge testing and the testing of small wastewater treatment plants.

The public pool season will soon be here and the WPCP laboratory is available to work with certified pool operators to provide swift and convenient pool results for total coliform analysis and pseudomonas arg., which is required for public hot tubs and spas.

“All public pools are required to be tested monthly,” Patti Fuller-Bloechl, chemist and lab supervisor, said.



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The laboratory is also able to work with public drinking water systems and private well owners to provide SDW testing for fluoride, total coliforms, nitrates and nitrite analysis. The laboratory has the ability to convey analytical data to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the required direct reporting of results.

“We work with a lot of smaller communities such as Grandview, Letts, and Conesville in testing their systems,” Fuller-Bloechl said. “And we do testing for Muscatine County too.”

The Muscatine laboratory also provides testing for on-site wastewater treatment or septic system discharges for homeowners in Muscatine County who have a NPDES general permit number 4 agreement with the Iowa DNR. In addition, the laboratory provides testing services for time of transfer septic discharge analysis. When a property with a septic system that discharges is sold, a time of transfer inspection is conducted. Part of that inspection requires testing if there is discharge.

All samples for routine testing and tie of transfer must be taken by a certified sampler. A homeowner can become a certified sampler by taking a class sponsored by Muscatine County. A new class will be announced at a later date. For more information you can contact the Muscatine County Environmental Health Department at 563-263-0482.

The MPCP laboratory is certified every two years by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The lab tests local industries for their wastewater discharge, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) testing samples for the WPCP, process samples, NPDES septic discharge, and the soil and biosolids programs.

The laboratory is also certified for many CWA testing parameters.

Please contact chemist and lab supervisor Patti Fuller-Bloechl at the Muscatine WPCP (563) 263-2752 for more information.



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The WPCP Laboratory is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sample drop-offs must be between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For septic discharge samples, please contact the laboratory at 563-263-2752. Sample bottles are available at the WPCP Laboratory.

A listing of fees is located on the Water Pollution Control page on the City of Muscatine web site or by clicking on the following link: [WPCP LAB FEES](#).