



In order to ensure that your samples follow all regulatory procedures from the sampling phase to the reporting stage, please make sure to follow the following guidelines.

Sample Transportation Device	Sample Temperature	Cooling Methods
Use a plastic cooler large enough to hold all samples. Multiple coolers should be used if necessary.	Samples must be less than 6°C when submitted for Environmental testing.	Keep the samples on ice in the cooler to keep the sample less than 6°C.
A cooler that passes the D.O.T. drop test specifications must be used.	If a sample is warm when taken, cool the sample on ice before placing it in the iced cooler so it remains below 6°C.	Bag the ice to avoid a leak in the cooler.
A&B Labs has coolers that meet all requirements and can be used for samples, but must be returned.	Food testing samples must NOT be frozen or chilled. They should be kept at the original food temperature.	Use natural ice instead of blue or dry ice. Dry ice will completely freeze the samples, which will make them useless.
Packing Methods	Packing Materials	Labeling
One third or more of the cooler should be filled with ice.	Pack each sample container in ziplock baggies or bubble bags before placing it in the cooler to prevent water from leaking into the sample.	Make sure that every sample container is labeled with the sample information. (Sample ID, collection info, company name, etc.) A&B Labs has sample labels available for sample containers.
Wrap each sample container individually so they are not in direct contact with each other.	Bubble bags are very reliable solutions for packing sample bottles and providing insulation to maintain the necessary temperature of less than 6°C.	Use waterproof ink so that the ink doesn't blur with water and the label is readable.
Do not stack glass containers in the cooler or lay them on their side to avoid breaking the sample.	Do not use packing materials that can become soaked with water. (Paper, cardboard, vermiculite, etc.)	Use waterproof labels if possible. A&B Labs provides waterproof labels.

*Please contact A&B Labs if you have any questions or require assistance.  
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