Educational resources



Chlorine Testing

Measures:

amount of chlorine disinfectant in the water

Equipment:

- chlorine test reagents 1, 2 and 3
- 5 mL vial with colour scale chart attached



Procedure:

- 1. Add to the vial:
 - 5 drops of reagent 1
 - 3 drops of reagent 2
 - 2 drops of reagent 3
- 2. Fill the vial to the 5 mL mark with your water sample
- 3. Replace the cap on the vial and mix by turning the vial upside down several times
- 4. Determine which colour from the chart best matches the water sample
- 5. Write down your results in mg/L

Notes:

- Untreated water will not have any chlorine, so will not turn pink at all.
- Treated drinking water should turn pink. Any pink colour change is fine as any chlorine levels above 0.2 mg/L are acceptable.
- Chlorine levels decrease steadily. If chlorine is not detectable, run the tap for 10 minutes to ensure the water is fresh, then take another sample and repeat the test.

