

Guideline for taking pictures

- Use a clear plastic cup to hold the water sample.
- Take an overhead picture of the cup, making sure to get the entire cup in the picture.
- Take the picture of the cup with no items in the picture, and on a solid, dark colored surface (like a black table).
- Ensure minimal shadows and good lighting.
- Try taking a water sample with as little other obstructions (like leaves or debris) as possible.
- Shake water (as to disperse microplastics evenly throughout the water) to improve accuracy.