

## **Fruit Growers Tasmania Water Testing Service 2023-24**



Maximum Residue and Water Testing are an essential component of food safety and quality assurance programs, and growers that have implemented QA must have MRL & water tests completed prior to audit. Business benefits from the service include convenience, flexibility and industry bulk buying discounts.

Fruit Growers Tasmania facilitates food and water testing services for Tasmanian horticultural producers to assist with Quality Assurance and export trade requirements. Results from sample tests will also contribute useful information to inform national industry management of agrichemical use.

### **Testing options to suit all businesses**

Fruit Growers Tasmania provides a number of testing options aimed at the needs of the state's horticultural producers. All sample testing is carried out by NATA-accredited service providers, with users provided with a certificate of results at the end of the testing process.

### **Water Samples**

Fruit Growers Tasmania has clean, pre-prepared 250ml bottles available for collection from the office. Samples must be collected from the source within 24 hours of arriving at the Public Health Laboratory. Samples should be kept in a cool location until delivery to FGT Office or collection.

### **Receiving samples at Fruit Growers Tasmania Office**

Fruit Growers Tasmania office is located at 262 Argyle St, Hobart TAS 7000. Fruit Growers Tasmania delivers water samples to the Public Health Laboratory Monday – Friday, subject to Tasmanian public holidays. All samples must be received by Fruit Growers Tasmania no later than 3.30pm.

### **Pickup requests**

Fruit Growers Tasmania staff are happy to organise sample pickups on behalf of growers and packhouses. To make this as smooth as possible, Fruit Growers Tasmania asks that completed Water Sample Testing Request forms be provided to Fruit Growers Tasmania no less than 1 business day for samples to be collected by Team Global Express.

### **Reporting of results**

Results will be emailed to you, and can be provided to your nominated packing shed and/or exporter upon request. A copy will also be kept on file with Fruit Growers Tasmania. Results are available approximately 5 working days from the date of delivery to the Public Health Laboratory.

**Fruit Growers Tasmania**  
**Water Sample Testing Request Form 2023-24**  
**(one form per sample)**

<b>Business Name:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Contact Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Contact Email Address:</b>	

<b>Producer of Sample:</b>			
<b>Expected collection date:</b>			
<b>Sample collection address (if applicable):</b>		<b>Region:</b>	<b>Postcode:</b>

<b>Select (X)</b>	<b>Sample collection, handling &amp; freight costs</b>	<b>Price</b>
	Sample received at Fruit Growers Tasmania Office	\$0
	Sample pickup by Team Global Express	\$55
	Sample pickup by Fruit Growers Tasmania staff	\$80

<b>Sample collection, handling &amp; freight costs</b>		<b>Price</b>	<b>Total Sample Volume</b>
<b>X</b>	<i>E. coli</i>	\$74.80	250ml each
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	\$74.80	
	Coliforms	\$74.80	
	Heterotrophic Colony Count	\$74.80	
	Thermotolerant Coliforms	\$74.80	
	Enterococci	\$74.80	

*NB: FreshCare 4.2 and equivalent quality assurance programs require producers to test for E. coli only. Other options are listed in case of need.*

<b>Select (X)</b>	<b>Source of Sample</b>
	Reticulated
	Dam / Reservoir
	Roof / Tank
	Bore / Well
	River / Creek
	Spring

<b>Select (X)</b>	<b>Temperature</b>
	Hot
	Mild
	Cold

<b>Select (X)</b>	<b>Weather Conditions</b>
	Dry
	Light Rain
	Heavy Rain

<b>Select (X)</b>	<b>Sample type</b>
	Untreated
	Filtered
	Chlorinated

**Confirmation of Water Sample Testing Request**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prices and payment terms**

Testing options and quoted prices are updated annually and are inclusive of GST. Prices quoted below are valid from 8 January 2024 until advised otherwise. Fruit Growers Tasmania's standard payment terms apply, meaning payments are required within 30 days from date of invoice.

**There will also be a surcharge of 15% for non-financial FGT Members.**