

**URI WATERSHED WATCH**  
**2026 WATER QUALITY MONITORING SCHEDULE**  
**Great Salt Pond and its Tributaries**

Sampling Dates (Mondays)	Collect and run samples in "WORK HORSE" BOTTLES for temperature, dissolved oxygen & chlorophyll (pond)	WATER COLLECTION DATES: Fill water bottles & bring with frozen chlorophyll filters to BI ferry for shipment to URI WW lab for analysis of pH, nutrients, and bacteria
May 1		<i>Have received monitoring supplies by now</i>
May 4	Tributary sites X	<b>Monday, May 4, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
May 18	Pond sites X	<b>Monday, May 18, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
June 1	Tributary sites X	<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
June 15	Pond sites X	<b>Monday, June 15, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
June 29	Tributary sites X	<b>Monday, June 29, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
July 13	Pond sites X	<b>Monday, July 13, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
July 27	Tributary sites X	<b>Monday, July 27, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
August 10	Pond sites X	<b>Monday, August 10, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
August 24	Tributary sites X	<b>Monday, August 24, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
Sept 7		<b>Enjoy Labor Day Monday</b>
Sept 14	Pond sites X	<b>Monday, September 14, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
Sept 28	Tributary sites X	<b>Monday, September 28, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
Oct 12		<b>Enjoy Indigenous/ Columbus Day Monday</b>
Oct 19	Pond sites X	<b>Monday October 19, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters
Nov 2	Tributary sites X	<b>Monday, November 2, 2026</b> All water sample bottles, chl-a filters

Tributaries should be monitored between 6 AM and 9 AM. *It is better to collect the water samples earlier rather than later.* Water clarity (Secchi depth) at the Great Salt Pond sites should be monitored between 10 AM and 2 PM if possible. After collection, immediately bring the water samples on ice in a cooler to the central collection area for transport to the BI ferry or bring to the URI Watershed Watch lab – **PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE WITH URIWW.** Water samples can be shipped on the Monday ferry to Pt. Judith. They will be picked up and transported to the URI Watershed Watch laboratory for analysis. URI Watershed Watch phone #401-874-2905, email eherron@uri.edu.

**Please CALL 401-874-2905 to let URIWW know which ferry the samples have made it onto.**