



Rhode Island Chapter, Surfrider Foundation Blue Water Task Force 2026 URI WATERSHED WATCH WATER QUALITY MONITORING SCHEDULE

WATER COLLECTION DATES	WATER COLLECTION TIMES
January 25 or 26, 2026	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM
February 22 or 23, 2026	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM
March 22 or 23, 2026	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM
April 12 or 13, 2026	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Saturday, May 9, 2026	7:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Saturday, June 6, 2026	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Saturday, July 11, 2026	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Saturday, August 8, 2026	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday, September 12, 2026	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, October 24, 2026	12:00 PM – 2:30 PM
November 22 or 23, 2026	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
December 21 or 22, 2026	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Collection of samples for bacterial analysis occurs on a monthly basis and is timed to coincide with low tide along the south coast of Rhode Island. ***It is better to collect the water samples earlier rather than later during these collections times.*** After collection, immediately bring the water samples on ice in a cooler to the URI Watershed Watch Analytical Laboratory (room 002, CIK, 1 Greenhouse Rd, Kingston). ***If you can't collect your samples on the scheduled date, or are going to be late, please contact us to arrange for an alternate collection date and time.*** The URI Watershed Watch lab phone number is 874-2905, email eherron@uri.edu. ***CALL at least 1 day IN ADVANCE TO RESCHEDULE DELIVERY OF WATER SAMPLES.*** An earlier date is much preferable to one after the designated collection period. ***Have a great season and monitor safely!***