

URI WATERSHED WATCH
2026 WATER QUALITY MONITORING SCHEDULE
LAKES, RESERVOIRS, AND PONDS

Week Ending	Secchi & Temp Only	Secchi, temperature, chlorophyll, D.O. (deep locations)	WATER COLLECTION DATES
April 25 and May 2	Returning volunteer equipment pick-up begins – please call 874-2905 in advance to ensure that your supplies are ready for you!!		
May 9		X	FIRST WATER COLLECTION: May 6th – 9th
May 16	X		
May 23		X	
May 30	X		MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 25 th
June 6		X	June 4th - 6th: Optional lake water collection (Bring your DO Kit please if you come) Please contact us if you plan to bring in lake samples. River collection 7:30 am – 9:30, June 4th – 6th
June 13	X		JUNETEENTH IS JUNE 19 th
June 20		X	NRPA Turnaround Swim (6/20/26, https://narrowriver.org/narrow-river-turnaround-swim/)
June 27	X		
July 4		X	Happy 4 th ! Participate in '26 Secchi Dip-In (https://www.nalms.org/secchidipin/)
July 11		X	SECOND COLLECTION: July 8th - 11th (don't forget frozen chlorophyll filters)
July 18	X		
July 25		X	
August 1	X		
August 8		X	Optional lake water collection day. Please contact us if you plan to bring in lake samples. Scheduled river collection 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Aug. 6th - 8th
August 15	X		
August 22		X	
August 29	X		
September 5		X	LABOR DAY IS SEPTEMBER 7 th
September 12		X	DEEP LAKE COLLECTION: September 9th – 12th optional for shallow lake sites
Sept 19	X		
Sept 26		X	
October 3	X		
October 10		X	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IS OCTOBER 12 th
October 17	X		
October 24		X - Return all supplies	THIRD COLLECTION: Oct. 21st – 24th Bring in all chlorophyll filters, equipment, etc. Check your freezer for chlorophyll filters!

Weather/schedule permitting, monitor on the same day each week, between 10 AM and 2 PM. Please enter your data online or mail your postcards after *each* monitoring session. Chlorophyll and dissolved oxygen can be monitored weekly if you choose. For Water Collections samples may be collected and delivered on any of the four days, usually Wednesday through Saturday (10 AM - 3 PM). **It is better to collect the water samples earlier during that time than later.** After collection immediately bring the water samples and all accumulated chlorophyll filters in a cooler with ice to the Watershed Watch Labs in Room 002 of the Coastal Institute in Kingston, URI. The laboratory phone number is 401-874-2905, e-mail eherron@uri.edu. Let us know if you want to drop off your samples on the cart outside instead of coming into the lab. *Please notify us at least 1 day in advance if you must reschedule delivery of water samples to a different date.* An earlier date is much preferable to one after the designated collection period.

Have a great season and remember to monitor safely!