

URI WATERSHED WATCH

**2026 WATER QUALITY MONITORING SCHEDULE**

**RIVERS & STREAMS, including NARROW RIVER**

Week Ending	Biweekly monitoring: (dissolved oxygen, temperature, chlorophyll & salinity as appropriate)	WATER COLLECTION DATES
April 25	Equipment pick up begins - Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig	Returning volunteers, please call 401-874-2905 in advance to ensure that your supplies are ready for you!!
May 9	X – plus water collection	<b>FIRST WATER COLLECTION: May 6 - 9</b> NR Collect samples 8:30 am – 10:30 am
May 23	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	
June 6	X – plus water collection	<b>SECOND RIVER COLLECTION: June 4 - 6</b> NR Collect samples 7:30 am – 9:30 am (Bring your DO Kit please)
June 20	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	NRPA Turnaround Swim – 6/20/26 ( <a href="https://narrowriver.org/turnaroundswim/">https://narrowriver.org/turnaroundswim/</a> )
July 4	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	Participate in 2026 Secchi Dip-In ( <a href="https://www.nalms.org/secchidipin/">https://www.nalms.org/secchidipin/</a> )
July 11	X – plus water collection	<b>THIRD COLLECTION: July 8 - 11</b> NR Collect samples 8:00 am – 11:00 am
July 25	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	Participate in 2026 Secchi Dip-In ( <a href="https://www.nalms.org/secchidipin/">https://www.nalms.org/secchidipin/</a> )
August 8	X – plus water collection	<b>FOURTH COLLECTION: Aug. 6 – 8</b> NR Collect samples 8:00 am – 11:00 am
August 22	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	
September 5	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	Labor Day is 9/5/26
September 12	X – plus water collection	<b>FIFTH COLLECTION: September 10 - 12</b> NR Collect samples 8:00 am – 11:00 am
September 26	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	
October 10	Temperature, DO, chl-a filters into freezer, salinity into frig.	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IS OCTOBER 12 <sup>th</sup>
October 24	X - Return all supplies	<b>SIXTH COLLECTION: Oct. 21 - 24</b> NR Collect samples 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Monitoring is scheduled for every other week, but you may monitor weekly if you'd like. **Monitor between 6 AM and 9 AM**, except on the water collection days. Approximate times listed are for when Narrow River monitors collect water samples (aimed toward low tide). Other rivers/streams should collect samples by 9 AM. 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 rather than later.** After collection immediately bring the samples on ice in a cooler to the Coastal Institute in Kingston, URI. The URI Watershed Watch lab phone number is 401-874-2905, email [eherron@uri.edu](mailto:eherron@uri.edu), or 401-874-4552 direct to Elizabeth. *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. Let us know if you want to drop off your samples on the cart outside instead of coming into the lab.*

***Have a great season and remember to monitor safely!***