

York-Durham Regional Environmental Laboratory

The York-Durham Regional Environmental Laboratory (REL) is a state-of-the-art facility specializing in the testing of water and wastewater.

The REL is located in Pickering, Ontario and is jointly owned and operated by York and Durham Regions. The facility is accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA) to ISO/IEC 17025 and licenced by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for the testing of drinking water.











Testing to Meet Environmental Requirements

The Regional Environmental Laboratory (REL) employs highly skilled staff and advanced testing equipment to provide a range of analytical services for drinking water, wastewater and industrial monitoring programs. The laboratory is capable of performing tests to meet the requirements of:

- The Safe Drinking Water Act
- New Watermain Testing
- Lead Testing
- Environmental
 Compliance Approval
- Wastewater Regulations
- Sewer Use By-laws
- Landfill Monitoring
- Groundwater Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GUDI) Well Monitoring

Laboratory Testing Services

The REL processes over 65,000 water samples and conducts over 250,000 tests annually. The wide range of microbiological, organic and inorganic laboratory services has attracted clients from both the private and public sector including:

- Municipal water and wastewater facilities
- Industries/consultants with water and wastewater testing needs
- Property owners requiring drinking water or well water analysis

For a full list of laboratory services and price lists, please visit www.durham.ca/lab.

FAQs

- Q What are the types of testing services offered by the REL?
- A The REL offers an array of environmental testing services on water and wastewater. For a full list of services, please visit www.durham.ca/lab.
- Q How much does it cost?
- A The REL provides an extensive list of services. For the price list please visit www.durham.ca/lab.
- Q What are your hours?
- A The REL is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of statutory holidays.
- Q How do I submit a sample for testing?
- A To submit a sample, first visit www.durham.ca/lab/sample for details on the paperwork required to submit a private or regulated sample. Once complete, a sample can be delivered in person or by courier to the REL located at 901 McKay Road, Pickering, Ontario L1W 3A3.
- Q How long does it take to receive the results?
- A Depending on the type of test, the standard turn-around time for results is 10 business days. Faster turnaround times may be arranged.



Common Testing Packages for Home Owners



Lead Testing



Drinking Water



Wastewater Testing



Well Water Analysis



Bacteriological Air Quality



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