

Water Quality Monitoring Summer 2025 Key Dates:

Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) Team – Schedule and Details for the Season

Our **“Water Cooler Wed”** is **5/14/2025 5:30 to 7 PM**. The water quality monitoring (WQM) coolers, sample bottles, forms, and the two-meter long integrated water sampling tubes will be available for WQ monitors to pick up from 5:30 to 7 PM at the parking lot of the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce, 1204 Park Ave S, Park Rapids, MN.

The 2025 Hubbard County Water Quality **Monitoring Schedule** for Sundays / Mondays is below. Your lake water cooler with refrigerated sample bottles on ice can be dropped off on the Mondays below, between 9 AM – 11 AM at the parking lot of the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce, 1204 Park Ave S, Park Rapids, MN 56470. The HCCOLA volunteer-driven shuttle leaves for RMB Environmental Laboratories in Detroit Lakes promptly at 11 AM!

Sundays / Mondays WQM Schedule 2025

May 18/19
June 15/16
July 20/21
August 17/18
Sept 21/22

Pricing for WQM for HCCOLA is expected to be the same as last year: \$67 per sample per month. HCCOLA will bill the lake associations that participate toward the end of the season for the 5 months of WQM samples. If your lake only does 3 samples for the summer, you are still charged for 5 samples by HCCOLA. Strive for 5! If the HCSWCD is able to contribute to WQM for HCCOLA lakes in 2025, the savings will be passed on to member lake associations, as before.

For lakes also sampling for the presence of **Zebra Mussel Veligers** using specialized plankton nets, the sample bottles and forms for ZM Veliger analysis will be available 5/14. The 2025 price for analysis by RMB for ZMV is \$120 a sample for zebra mussel veliger analysis and \$40 extra to analyze the same sample for spiny water flea (a separate process.) Please email hccolamn@gmail.com with the **number of ZMV sample bottles you will need by 4/24/25**.

On “Water Cooler Wed” 5/14/25, we will have **kiosk flyers, aqua weed sticks** (if you have a resort with boat access that has not yet received theirs yet), plus free **Zebra Mussel Settlement Samplers (ZMSS)** with dock owners instructions on how to participate in the “Eyes on the Water” survey each Fall. Let us know **what and how many** your lake association needs by emailing hccolamn@gmail.com **by 4/24/25**, our April HCCOLA mtg.

Brush up on your **WQM training on the RMB website** [here](#). Training will be available on Water Cooler Wed 5/14 too.

Reminder for **proofing your Lake Monitoring data** - - RMB's Lakes Monitoring Database is updated by RMB staff. Lake Associations are able to view / check their data trends online at RMB [here](#). At the end of the season, RMB supplies data to the State of MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) database so statistics for the past season are reflected. This information then becomes easily available in the [MN DNR Lake Finder](#) information also.

Attention WQM team, Peter Tuomisto, HCCOLA WQM Coordinator reached out by email on 3/22/25. If there are changes for your lake WQM, or if you didn't receive Peter's 3/22 email, please let us know at hccolamn@gmail.com or Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator - Peter Tuomisto petertuomisto@gmail.com Cell 612-597-1386