

Sample Containers, Preservatives and Maximum Holding Times

Method	Sample Type	Maximum Holding Times	Container Type	Preservation
EPA Method 8280	Aqueous	Extraction: 30 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 45 days ⁽²⁾	Glass Container	< 6 °C
	Solid	Extraction: 30 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 45 days ⁽²⁾	Glass Container	≤ 6 °C
EPA Method 8290	Aqueous	Extraction: 30 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 45 days ⁽²⁾	Amber Glass	< 6 °C dark
	Solid	Extraction: 30 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 45 days ⁽²⁾	Glass Container	< 6 °C dark
	Fish/Tissue	Extraction: 30 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 45 days ⁽¹⁾	Glass Container	< -10 °C dark
EPA Method 1613B	Aqueous	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGB	0 – 6 °C ⁽³⁾ dark
	Solid Fish/Tissue	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGJ	< 6 °C dark ⁽⁶⁾ < - 10 °C dark ⁽⁷⁾
EPA Method 1614	Aqueous ⁽³⁾	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGB	0 – 6 °C ⁽³⁾ dark
	Solid Fish/Tissue	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGJ	< 6 °C dark < - 10 °C dark ⁽⁷⁾
Modified EPA Method 1625	All samples	Extraction: 7 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 40 days ⁽²⁾	Amber Glass Containers	0 – 6 °C ⁽³⁾ dark
EPA Method 1668A/C	Aqueous	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGB	0 – 6 °C ⁽³⁾ dark
	Solid Fish/Tissue	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGJ	< 6 °C dark ⁽⁶⁾ < - 10 °C dark ⁽⁷⁾
EPA Method 1694	Aqueous	Extraction: 7 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 40 days ⁽²⁾	Amber Glass Containers	< 6 °C dark
EPA Method 1694	Solid	Extraction: 7 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 40 days ⁽²⁾	Amber Glass Containers	< 6 °C dark < - 10 °C dark ⁽⁷⁾
EPA Method 1699	Aqueous ⁽³⁾	Extraction: 7 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 40 days ⁽²⁾	AGB	< 6 °C dark
	Solid Fish/Tissue	Extract/Analyze: 1 year	AGJ	< 6 °C dark < - 10 °C dark ⁽⁷⁾

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Modified EPA Method 537	Aqueous Solid	Extraction: 14 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 28 days ⁽²⁾	Polypropylene or HDPE	≤ 10 °C Receipt ⁽⁸⁾ < 6 °C dark ⁽⁸⁾
EPA Method 537	Aqueous	Extraction: 14 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 28 days ⁽²⁾	Polypropylene or HDPE	≤ 10 °C Receipt ⁽⁸⁾ < 6 °C dark ⁽⁸⁾
EPA Method 613	Aqueous	Extraction: 7 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 40 days ⁽²⁾	AGB	6 °C ⁽³⁾ dark
EPA Method 23	MM5 Train	Extraction: 30 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 45 days ⁽²⁾ Trap Prep: 30 days	Train and/or AGB	Adsorbents on ice ⁽⁶⁾
EPA Method T0-9A ⁽⁴⁾	PUF	Extraction: 7 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 40 days ⁽²⁾ PUF Prep: 30 days	PUF	< 6 °C
CARB Method 428 ⁽⁴⁾	MM5 Train	Extraction: 30 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 45 days ⁽²⁾ Trap Prep: 30 days	Train and/or AGB	0 – 6 °C dark ⁽⁵⁾
CARB Method 429	MM5 Train	Extraction: 21 days ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 40 days ⁽²⁾ Resin QC Date: 21 days	Train and/or AGB	< 6 °C dark
NCASI 551 ⁽⁴⁾	All Samples	NA	NA	< 6 °C
PCN	Aqueous	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGB	0 – 6 °C ⁽³⁾ dark < - 10 °C dark ⁽⁷⁾
	Solid Fish/Tissue	Extraction: 1 year ⁽¹⁾ Analysis: 1 year ⁽²⁾	AGJ	< -10 °C dark ⁽⁷⁾

- (1) From collection
- (2) From extraction
- (3) If residual chlorine is present sodium thiosulfate is added as per the method
- (4) Holding times set by Vista Analytical Laboratory
- (5) Recommended by Vista Analytical Laboratory
- (6) From collection until laboratory receipt
- (7) Solid matrices not extracted within 21 days will be stored <-10 °C
- (8) Preserved in the field with Trizma