



## Baywatchers

### Buzzards Bay Citizens' Water Quality Monitoring Program

## 2026 Nutrient Monitoring Schedule

Water samples collected for laboratory nutrient analysis. The laboratory data results tells us how much nitrogen and phosphorus is in the water. These nutrients fuel algae growth and water quality problems result when the nutrient concentrations are too high.

All samples must be taken during the last three hours of an outgoing tide, starting up in the harbors and working out toward Buzzards Bay. Samples must be kept cold (on ice) and then taken, or arranged to be picked up by BBC staff and delivered, to The Woodwell Climate Research Center at 149 Woods Hole Road, Falmouth on the same day. Leave coolers with the Woodwell lab personnel (Scott Zolkos or Helen Sears ) at the Building path on the right at the end of the driveway. Look for Baywatchers drop-off signs.



### Dates

Thursday, July 9	6:00am-9:00 am
Thursday, July 23	6:00am-9:00 am
Monday, August 10	9:30am-12:30 pm
Monday, August 24	9:00am-12:00 pm

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- \*Safety first! Be careful on the water.
  - \*Label all bottles with Site ID, Date, Time, and Surface or Bottom.
  - \*Be sure to rinse filter holding parts and syringes between each sample when filtering.
  - \*Keep samples cold.
  - \*Sign bottom of data sheet at cooler drop-off.

*Thank you for  
helping with our  
35th season  
collecting nutrient  
samples!*

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