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To all Lake Partner Program Volunteers

We hope you've had a successful 2025 Lake Partner Program sampling season.

We're writing to inform you that Canada Post has initiated strike, as of Monday, September 29, 2025. With this strike you are temporarily unable to mail your Lake Partner Program (LPP) water samples.

During this postal disruption, you may continue collecting your lake water samples as usual. During this time, please store your samples carefully until mailing resumes.

To ensure sample quality, please:

Fill Properly

- Glass sample tubes: Fill with lake water to 0.5 cm above the etched line.
- Plastic jars (blue cap): Fill to the 80 mL mark.

Store Correctly

- Keep all samples cold (refrigerated at 4°C) and upright until they can be shipped.

Samples can be stored in refrigeration for up to 3 months.

If you cannot store the samples and send them once the strike is completed, please reach out to us at lakepartner@ontario.ca and we will arrange a solution that works best for you.

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and apologies for this inconvenience.

Warm regards,

The Lake Partner Program Team