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Instructions for Collecting Soil Samples

General tips to achieve accurate results:

- Wash hands thoroughly or put on latex gloves before handling material
- Take samples only when it is possible to package and ship immediately.
- Keep samples cool but do not freeze.
- Follow recommended sample delivery time frames (3-4 days for soils).
- Use quart-size plastic bags with a zipper-type closing for sample

1. Identify the problem area, or other area of interest to take the sample from.

2. Take sample cores from 5-10 different randomly selected spots within the area of interest. Begin at the top of the soil, remove any debris or organic matter sitting on top of the soil. The best sample cores are from the root zone of the desired plant. If the root zone cannot be located, cores from 3-4 inches down into the soil will work. Note: Taking 5-10 cores will give you a better representation of the area than just 1-2 cores would.

3. Empty those 5-10 cores into a clean bucket or bowl. Mix up the core samples.

4. Refer to [Testing Packages](#) to determine how many grams of sample is required for your selected package. Place your sample in a plastic, zipper close bag. Leave some air space in the bag upon sealing. Save on shipping costs and only send the amount of material per sample requested.

5. Send your sample(s) using a carrier that can deliver your sample(s) to our lab within 3-4 days.
Ship to: Earthfort 635 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR 97333.

Testing takes approximately 15 working days to complete and we do offer a free report interpretation. Make sure you fill out and send a [Testing Order Form](#) with your sample. On this form please include the email address where you would like the report sent.

Once you receive your report via email you can call and schedule a phone appointment to discuss the results and interpret the report, (additional consulting fees may apply.)

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Instructions for Collecting Compost Samples

General tips to achieve accurate results:

- Wash hands thoroughly or put on latex gloves before handling material especially if testing for E.coli.
- Take samples only when it is possible to package and ship immediately.
- Keep samples cool but do not freeze.
- Follow recommended sample delivery time frames (3-4 days for composts).
- An optimal sample will come from the middle of your compost pile.
- Use quart-size plastic bags with a zipper-type closing for sample

1. Go in 6-12 inches into your compost pile, halfway between top and the ground and take one handful. Repeat step 1 (3-5) times taking each handful from a different location in the pile.

2. Mix the material together in a clean bucket.

3. Please refer to [Testing Packages](#) to determine how many cups of sample is required for your selected package. Place your sample in a plastic zip lock bag. Leave some air space in the bag upon sealing. Only send the amount of material per sample requested.

4. Send your sample(s) using a carrier that can deliver your sample(s) to our lab within 3-4 days. Ship to: Earthfort 635 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR 97333.

This test takes approximately 15 working days to complete and we do offer a free report interpretation.. Make sure you fill out and send a [Testing Order Form](#) with your sample. On this form please include the email address where you would like the report sent.

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Instructions for Collecting Liquid Soil Amendment Samples

General tips to achieve accurate results:

- Wash hands thoroughly or put on latex gloves before handling material especially if testing for E.coli.
- Take samples only when it's possible to package and ship immediately.
- Keep samples cool but do not freeze.
- Follow recommended sample delivery time frames. (If aerated tea ship overnight)
- Use a clean one liter size plastic water bottle to hold the sample, Wrap sealed top with electrical tape to prevent leakage.

1. Take several small samples from the center of your brewer or container and mix them together. If possible, take samples while the brewer is running.

2. Please refer to [Testing Packages](#) to determine how many cups of sample is required for your selected package. Pour your sample into a clean one liter plastic bottle. Note that beverage residue can strongly skew biology test results, so use a clean bottle. Only send the amount of liquid per sample requested.

3. When using a 1 liter bottle the liquid should fill it 1/3 full of tea. If you use a 20oz bottle it should be half full of tea, both depending on your selected package. Important— beneficial organisms need oxygen! Do NOT fill any bottle to the top, but always leave about half the bottle full of air so that oxygen is available during shipping.

4. If the sample is aerated tea it is important to use overnight shipping. Tea is a fragile material which needs to be tested soon as possible due to the lack of aeration. Ship to: Earthfort 635 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR 97333.

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Once you receive your report via email you can call and schedule a phone appointment to discuss the results and interpret the report, (additional consulting fees may apply.)

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