

Instructions for Collecting a Single Soil Sample

SOILSHOP EVENT

Identify an area of interest for your soil sample.

1. Collect Soil - For a large area, collect soil from 5-10 random spots in that area, and combine in a clean container. For a small area, collect soil from 3 random spots and combine in a clean container. See table below for sampling depth per spot.
2. Mix soil well in clean container.
3. Remove pebbles, rocks, and roots, and air dry. Do not use a flame, oven or hairdryer to dry the soil!
4. Transfer 1 - 2 cups of the mixed soil into a clean one-quart Ziplock bag.

Note: For more than one sample, repeat steps 1-5. Rinse your container between samples. Limit of 3 sample bags/person.



Where and How to Collect a Sample

Area of Interest	Sampling Depth for Each Random Spot (inches)
Garden Area	Collect all soil from the surface down to 6-8 inches deep
Play Area / non-garden area	Collect all soil from the surface down to 1-2 inches deep

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