

# Sampling Instructions

1. Call us to schedule your assessment (phone: 785-285-2356)
2. Collect Sample (see detailed instructions below)
3. Ship Sample. we encourage 1-2 day shipping unless otherwise specified. Shipments can be sent with UPS, USPS or FedEx

**All samples must be accompanied with a Sample Submittal Form. Sample Assessment Slot must be scheduled prior to sample collection.**

## SOIL SAMPLES

- Call us to schedule your assessment
- With a permanent marker, write the name of the sample, grower's name, and date of collection on a sealable plastic bag.
- Use a clean soil probe or spade to collect 3" deep sample cores. Be sure to brush away plant duff and organic matter on the soil surface prior to taking the sample cores.
- Collect a representative number of cores from the field being sampled. Be sure to take samples from areas that represent the average field conditions. Avoid taking samples from varying soil types, differing vegetation types or differences in terrain.
- Thoroughly mix the cores in the plastic bag. Being sure not to fill it more than halfway. If you collect more than what will fit in the bag, thoroughly mix your sample in a larger container, and then add enough to fill the bag halfway.
- Seal the bag, but make sure to leave air in the bag.
- Ship your sample the day of collection with 1-2 day shipping. Be sure to include the sample submittal form with the sample.

## COMPOST SAMPLES

- Call us to schedule your assessment.
- With a permanent marker, write the name of the sample, grower's name, and date of collection on a sealable plastic bag
- Take teaspoon sized samples from a minimum of 5 different parts of the compost pile and a minimum of 12 inches deep into the pile.
- Mix the samples together in the plastic bag. Being sure not fill the bag more than halfway with samples
- Seal the bag but leave air in the bag.
- Compost samples can be sent by 1-2 day shipping. Be sure to include the sample submittal form with the sample.

## LIQUID COMPOST EXTRACT/TEA SAMPLES

- Call us to schedule your assessment.
- Use a clean, dry plastic bottle. Label bottle with permanent marker. Write name of grower, and sample name and date collected.
- Take several samples from the center of your brewer and mix them together.
- Fill the bottle no more than halfway with liquid to ensure enough air in the bottle.
- Ship your sample the day of collection with 1-2 day shipping or overnight shipping. Be sure to include sample submittal form.