



## Simplified Sampling Protocol

### Soil Sample

Take a bit of your soil of interest in 3 to 5 different but homogeneous spots (similar soil conditions, field history, topography, exposition...). Remove the top organic matter litter, take an apple corer (or an equivalent quantity) of soil to about 8cm deep. Do not mix the sample. If it is a planted field, take all the samples *mid distance between the plant stem and dripline*. Taking sample from a *humid soil* provides a more representative image of the active living biology.

Keep the sample in a sealable plastic zip bag with oxygen inside, in shade at room temperature. The bag must be maximum halve full, keeping oxygen inside for microorganisms to breath. **Mark on the outside of the sample bag with a permanent marker:** Full name, Date, type of soil (bare soil of what type of plantation) and parcel/lot/place

Send it through Express 24h Post/Parcel Service if the soil is from a planted parcel. For bare soil sample, it can handle up to 2/3 days normal Post delivery.

*NB: For a Full Assessment, biological and physical (soil texture, Ph and SOM), the sample must be minimum 500ml of soil.*

### Compost Sample

Same procedure, but with a tea spoon, sample from 5 different places in the compost pile. **Mark on the outside of the sample bag with a permanent marker:** Full name, Date and type and age of compost.

Always best to assess freshly. Send through Express 24h Post/Parcel Service if fresh compost. For an old matured compost, it can handle up to 2/3 days normal Post delivery.

### Liquid Sample (Extract or Tea, Bio-Fertiliser, EM/IMO etc.):

Take 4/5 times 10 ml a few cm under the surface, keep it in a small glass or plastic bottle, full of oxygen. **Mark on the outside of the container with a permanent marker:** Full name, Date and type of liquid & date of production.

To be shipped as fresh as possible after extracting or brewing (max 24h). Send through Express 24h Post/Parcel Service