



Sampling Compost, Decomposed, or Organic Plant Materials

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Test results can be no better than the sample collected in the field. Proper collection of compost type samples is extremely important. Remove 2-4 inches of material from surface of the material to be sampled. This must include any material that is different in texture and/or decomposition.

Sampling Decayed or Organic Material

Take a composite sample made up of several sub-samples (2-3 pints each) at intervals at different depths. For example, take samples from near the surface and from inside at a minimum of 3 locations.

Mix and then split sample down to amount for the lab (one gallon, double bagged in ziplock bags.) plus a sample about half the size to be sent to Paul Ohlenbusch.

Sampling Compost in Winrows

Take a composite sample made up of several sub-samples at intervals down a pile or windrow and at different depths. For example, take samples from near the pile surface and from inside from at least 3 locations down a 60 foot windrow.

Mix and split sample down to amount for the lab (One gallon double bagged in ziplock bags.) plus a sample about half the size to be sent to Paul Ohlenbusch.

Shipping Samples to the Testing Lab

Samples and a completed lab form will be sent directly to the lab. Information sheets will be included with the package. Label shipping container and close securely.

Mail package to:

Servi-tech Laboratories 402-463-3522
1602 Park West Drive
P. O. Box 169
Hastings, NE 68902

Results will be sent (hard copy) to the sender and electronically to Paul Ohlenbusch.