

How to Prepare Samples

Sampling Kits

We strongly recommend the use of Microbiology Laboratories Australia Sampling Kits. The sampling kits contain everything necessary to take and send up to five complete samples, including:

- 70 mL soil, compost and liquid sample jars (5)
- 25 mL root sample vials (5)
- Field root sample bags (5)
- Gloves (5)
- Order form (1)
- Express Post back to the lab (3 kg) (1)
- Quarantine Certificate (1)
- Ice brick (1)
- Insulated bag (1)
- Insulated bag liner (1)

Note: extra sampling jars & vials can be ordered for kits (up to 10 will fit in each kit).

By using the sampling kit and following the instructions you will take the samples correctly and they will arrive at the lab in the best possible condition. This will ensure that you get the most accurate results. It will also help to ensure that you are compliant with interstate quarantine regulations. Samples received in containers other than those in the sampling kit will incur an additional fee to cover extra preparation time.

Quarantine

Quarantine is a serious matter and all clients must abide by the relevant State quarantine regulations. A Quarantine Certificate is included in the Microbe Labs Sampling Kits, which allows you to send sample materials to the lab in accordance with the quarantine regulations. Microbe Labs Test Agents outside of South Australia know how to export soil and plant matter from their State to Microbe Labs. If you are unsure of the regulations that apply to you or find it difficult to comply with them, please contact a Microbe Labs Microbiology Test Agent that services your area who can assist you to send your samples. A list of Microbe Labs Microbiology Test Agents can be found on the Microbe Labs website www.microbelabs.com.au. Alternatively, please contact Microbe Labs directly: info@microbelabs.com.au or 08 7127 8982. It is the responsibility of the sender of soil and plant matter to ensure that quarantine regulations are followed.