

# 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:

- Soils and other solid materials: 500 g sterile sampling bags (5).
- Soils + VAM Wise for Plants (roots): 500 g sterile sampling bags (5) + 25 mL root vials with preservative + field root sample bags (5).
- Liquids: 250 mL sterile sampling jars
- Gloves (5)
- Order form (1)
- Express Post back to the lab (3 kg) (1)
- Certificate of Accreditation (1)
- Ice pack (1)
- Insulated bag (1)
- Insulated bag liner (1)

*Note:* extra root vials can be ordered for kits.

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 may 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 Certificate of Accreditation 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 (see [www.microbelabs.com.au](http://www.microbelabs.com.au)). Alternatively, please contact Microbe Labs directly: [info@microbelabs.com.au](mailto: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.