VegeSafe - We love your dirt!

Sample locations at your property:

We would like you to take 5 samples from 3 sites in your garden area. Collect the soils when dry if you can. This will help us speed up the analysis on the day.

Site 1: Identify 3 places for soil sampling either where you already have vegetable beds or where you plan to start your veggie patch.

Site 2: Identify a sample site in the front garden or if you don’t have a front garden, a site on or adjacent to the roadside verge.

Site 3: Identify a sample site below the drip line of your gutter, close to your house.

How to sample and store your soil sample:

• At each site, use the trowel or scoop to take soil from the top 2 cm of the sampled area, i.e. the surface soil. If there is grass or other vegetation cover, you will need to remove it and take the soil from underneath.

• Collect about a cricket ball size amount of soil (more is better than less) from an area of ~ 30 x 30 cm, or up to a 1 m² if required.

• Put the soil sample in a ziplock bag and seal it. Don’t worry about grass or sticks or rocks—we will remove these when we prepare the soil for testing.

• Label the ziplock bags with a permanent marker and include the site location and brief description, date the sample was collected, the address and the postcode. Then put the bagged sample inside another ziplock bag – this protects the label and helps protect against leakage if the inner bags splits.

• Labeling – make sure the label makes sense to you so you can explain it to us when we receive your sample e.g. veggie patch sample 1; veggie patch sample 2, front yard soil; dripline soil north side of house, etc. Below is an example of a labeled bag.