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## VegeSafe – We love your dirt!

### **You will need:**

- 10 zip-lock sandwich bags
- A permanent marker
- A trowel or scoop
- A large mailing satchel or small box, with address
- Your printed and signed consent form

### **To collect your VegeSafe samples:**

1. Label five zip-lock bags with your name, address, date and sample ID (matching your consent form: "front yard", "back yard", "dripline", "veggie patch 1", "veggie patch 2").
2. At your first location, collect the top 2 cm of soil over a 30 x 30 cm area using a trowel. Your sample should be the size of a cricket ball.
3. Place soil into the correctly labelled zip-lock bag and seal.
4. Repeat at the remaining 4 locations.
5. 'Double bag' each sample, to protect the labels and prevent spillage during postage.
6. Place your five samples plus your signed consent form in a mailing satchel or small box and post it to us!

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