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## Soil Sampling Instructions for Nutrients

*Results are only as good as your sample*

1. Obtain clean spade (no rust) and a clean bucket.
2. Scrape off the top ½ - ¾" of soil, and do not use this material.
3. Using a sample probe or hand trowel, pull a vertical sample of **between 6"- 12"**. **Use a stainless steel, wooden, plastic, or PVC sampling tool. Assure sampling tool is clean and free from rust.**
4. Avoid sampling areas of **unincorporated amendments** as these will spike the numbers, i.e. fertilizer pockets and top dressings.
5. Collect soil and mix in a clean container, (i.e. a bucket or bowl).
6. **Fill a gallon bag at least halfway.** Label bag with a sample name, site name, and date.
7. A separate soil sample and test are required for each of the variations below:
  - **Soil:** native, mixed potting, potting media
  - **Past Applications:** amendments, fertilizer, other enhancements
  - **Terrain:** flats, depressions, mounds
  - **Production style:** indoor, outdoor, greenhouse, hoop house, etc.....
8. If analysis is for analyzing nutrients in an area of concern, provide a separate sample from a healthy area for a separate comparison test.
9. **PLEASE** carefully complete and sign the *Royal Gold Chain of Custody Form*. We CANNOT process any orders or perform any tests with an incomplete order form. Be sure to select the test(s) you want performed and include your complete contact information. Order forms can be found on our website: [www.royalgoldcoco.com](http://www.royalgoldcoco.com)
10. You may drop off samples at Royal Gold offices off Giuntoli in North Arcata  
**Please make checks or Money Orders Payable to Royal Gold LLC**



**If you have additional questions, please call the lab. Thank you!**