

Please read all the instructions before you begin.

Timing

AgPath cannot guarantee timely analysis for samples arriving just prior to weekends or public holidays.

- Samples should be collected and sent by Express Post or overnight courier between Monday and Wednesday.
- Do not send on a Thursday, Friday.
- Allow at least two days prior to a Victorian public holiday. This allows for samples to be processed as soon as they are received. We must receive samples within 3 days to do Active Bacteria and Active Fungi assays.
- Report will be issued within 10 business days from receipt of sample. Payment must be received before report will be released.

Important

- If water moulds are suspected eg *Phytophthora* or *Pythium* or *Phytophthium*, then **DO NOT** refrigerate.

Instructions

1. Download **Compost Tea Sample Submission Form** from agpath.com.au/submission-forms. The form can be completed electronically or printed and handwritten.
2. Ensure tea is well aerated.
3. Take several small samples and mix them together in a separate container.
4. Mark a clean 1L plastic bottle (a water bottle is recommended) with your Sample ID and record it on the submission form.
5. Fill the bottle to approximately 500mL ($\frac{1}{2}$ tea and $\frac{1}{2}$ air). This allows oxygen for microbes during transportation.
6. Record temperature and dissolved oxygen readings, also record how it smells.
7. Complete the sample information on the Submission Form with as many details as possible.
8. Pack your samples for transport. Ensure you include a completed Client Details form along with your Sample Submission Form.