
TOPSOIL Sampling Procedure

1. Samples should be taken for analysis every 8000 tonnes (5000 m³) of product. Samples should be taken from all TOPSOIL products ready for despatch.
2. Samples to be requested at the discretion of the Agricultural Operations Manager.
3. **Landscape 20** and **Sports 10** should be sampled after screening.
4. The standard requested analysis suite for **Conditioned TOPSOIL** and **Landscape 20** will be **TOHA Suite 1**, unless another analysis is requested by the customer, or the National TOPSOIL Manager.
5. The standard requested analysis for **Sports 10** will be **TOHA Suite 2**.
6. The standard requested analysis for **Rolawn Lawn Dressing** will be **TOHA Suite 3**.
7. The "B" sample, (see sample A below) should be kept by each site as a reference for a period of 1 year.
8. Analysis certificates shall be kept for a period of 5 years.

METHOD FOR TAKING A SAMPLE

Quantities are approximate:

- a) From 25 different areas of the stockpile take a 1kg sample of soil.
- b) Samples should be taken from the top, sides and centre of the stockpile. To obtain the sample, remove and discard the top 15cm (6") of the surface soil and take the sample from below this depth. A soil auger should be used to take a sample from the centre of the stockpile. A minimum of 10 samples, out of the 25, should be taken from the centre of each stockpile.
- c) Amalgamate the 25 samples (25kg) together by mixing thoroughly.
(Mixing can be done to suit your own equipment/facilities but should be carried out using contaminant free equipment/tools in a contaminant free area).
- d) Separate the mix into 4 distinct quarters.
- e) Discard 2 of the quarters.
- f) The remaining two quarters (12kg) are the samples (A&B)
- g) Sample A: Fill the plastic bag (as supplied) full from the sample, label with a sample ID name and ref. number.
- h) Despatch the sample to Tim O'Hare Associates LLP, 4 Sheldon Close, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4GA requesting the suite of analysis you require.
- i) Sample B: Put in to a plastic bag provided, label and retain for a period of 1 year.
- k) If a customer requires a greater frequency of sampling for a specific order then this can be done.