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**Sample Form
 Potting Media
 Raised Bed
 2026**



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 SEE PROPER SAMPLING TECHNIQUES ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

LAB number (do not use)	Your Sample ID	Test Type	Residential / Landscape / Athletic Application ^a (100s to 1000s sq. ft.)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Potting Media _____ _____	Lawn: <input type="checkbox"/> Upkeep or <input type="checkbox"/> Establishing <input type="checkbox"/> Garden: Vegetable / Fruit <input type="checkbox"/> Azaleas / Camellias <input type="checkbox"/> Blueberries <input type="checkbox"/> Shade Tree <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Pecan Tree <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamentals Specify _____
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PROCEDURE FOR TAKING POTTING MEDIA SAMPLES

Soil tests can be only as accurate as the samples on which they are made. Proper collection of soil samples is extremely important. Tests of poorly taken soil samples may actually be misleading.

1. **Establish a plan for soil sampling.** Prepare a property map to include boundaries for each field. Give each field a permanent number. Web Soil Survey, operated by the NRCS, is ideal for this use. Keep this map and all soil test reports for a long-term record. Plan to sample each field at **3-to-5-year intervals** depending on cropping system.
2. **The sample should be taken from all over the area.** Soil from a single place cannot adequately represent the raised bed in an area. Take soil from 5-10 different places in the raised bed. Sample to a depth of 6 inches. Place the soil in a clean container, mix thoroughly and take at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a quart of composite sample to send to the lab.
3. **Packaging.** Sample bags can be picked up in person at the Soil, Plant, And Water Analysis Lab, local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office, or local Soil and Water Conservation District office. Alternatively, soil sample can be packaged in a clean, quart-sized, resealable plastic bag. Label each sample with permanent marker. Place sample bag(s) in a box and wrap securely. Unwrapped sample bags are often broken in the mail.
4. **Complete the Information Sheet** on the opposite side.
5. **Mailing Instructions.** Place soil information sheet and check or money order in envelope inside the box of samples. Do not insert any paper, form or money, directly in the bag with the soil sample as soil microbes decompose paper.

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