
TOPSOIL Sampling Procedure

1. Samples should be taken in accordance with BS 3882:2015 with reference to BS EN 12579:2000 and BS 5930:1999. Methods for taking the samples are given overleaf.
2. Samples to be taken by the National TOPSOIL Manager.
3. All products should be sampled after screening and at the point of despatch.
4. Analysis certificates shall be kept for a period of 5 years.

METHOD FOR TAKING A SAMPLE

Quantities are approximate:

- a) Sample points shall be located at regular intervals and samples taken from the surface 1m and the core of the stockpile.
- b) A soil auger shall 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) Sub-samples shall then be combined to form one composite samples (2kg) to represent every 5000m³ of topsoil produced.
- d) In a wide-necked amber glass jar. Labelled with a sample ID name and reference number.
- e) Despatch the sample to Tim O'Hare Associates LLP requesting the suite of analysis you require.

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