



Sampling Instructions for Solid/Liquid Samples

Personnel should wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after sample collection.

Materials:

1. Whirl-Pak Bag (1 per sampling site)
2. Sterile Gloves (Pre-packaged)
3. Alcohol Wipe (Pre-packaged)
4. Permanent Ink Marker

Procedure:

1. Determine how much sample you will need to collect:
 - a. Liquid – a minimum of 100ml
 - b. Solid – a minimum of 275g
2. Tear off the clear, perforated strip at the top of the Whirl-Pak bag
3. Solid Samples:
 - a. Open any container the sample may be in without touching the product to be sampled
 - b. Fold over any liner carefully to not touch or breathe on the product to be sampled
4. Liquid Samples:
 - a. Clean the spicket with an alcohol wipe
 - b. Turn on the liquid source for a minimum of 2 minutes and let it run
5. Put on the sterile glove.
 - a. Remove the sterile glove from the pouch by the top edge without contaminating the glove
 - b. Remove a glove by holding it from the wrist-side opening. Avoid any contact with the outer surface of the glove. Insert clean hand into glove, taking care not to puncture the glove.
6. Collect the Sample:
 - a. Solids - With gloved hand collect the sample and place it in the Whirl-Pak bag taking care not to contaminate the sample
 - b. Liquid – With gloved hand hold open the Whirl-Pak bag utilizing the pull tabs, place opened bag under the running liquid until a minimum of 100 ml is collect
7. Close the bag by folding the top down three times and bending the wire ends over onto the bag.
8. Label the sample using a permanent ink marker.
9. Keep sample(s) at a refrigerated temperature (35– 40°F) until it is submitted to the laboratory for analysis.