

## **Drop Off Samples:**

Samples can be dropped off at any time during business hours.

**Any samples dropped off to Island EHS must meet the following requirements in order for us to provide the most detailed and accurate results to our clients:**

Typical samples (flooring, drywall, stucco, shingles, etc.) need to be about 2x2” in size and delivered in separate sealed Ziploc-type baggies. Drywall samples should be accompanied by drywall filler compound (found at a seam or corner), texture coat or plaster; exceptions include popcorn ceiling scrapings, of which about a teaspoon of material is needed, and vermiculite. Vermiculite samples should fill a large Ziploc freezer bag and be a composite of material in the area (it is usually suggested that samples should be taken from the four farthest corners of the area to fill the bag, in order to provide a proper composite sample).

Any samples that are too large to fit safely within our fume hood or are not delivered in sealed bags may be rejected due to the health risk to our employees. All samples are presumed positive until proven otherwise.

A Chain of Custody form will need to be filled out at time of drop-off with information about the sample(s) to be tested, so please be prepared to provide the address and room from which the sample(s) were taken.

## **Helpful Links for Homeowners:**

WorkSafeBC sample sizes:

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/hazard-alerts/sampling-for-asbestos-bulk-sample-collection-and-analysis?lang=en>

Safe Work Practices for Handling Asbestos (Bulk Sample Collection Guide on page 35):

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/books-guides/safe-work-practices-for-handling-asbestos>