



Greetings! My name is Dr. James Montgomery, and I am a professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Studies at DePaul University. For the past 15 years, my undergraduate students and I have been conducting the *What's In Your Soil?* to measure the health of soils in Chicago Community Areas. Some of my students will be at the Lawndale Pop-Up event on April 17, where they will scan your soil samples for lead contamination. In addition, students from our Department of Health Science will be on hand to answer any questions you have about lead.

IMPORTANT

1. Fill a quart-size Ziplock bag $\frac{3}{4}$ full with your soil.
2. There is a limit of two soil samples (e.g. 2 Ziplock bags) per street address.
3. Using a Sharpie, write the following on each Ziplock bag:
 - a) The street address, including the zip code, where you collected the soil samples.
 - b) The location of your sample (e.g. front yard, side yard, back yard, in-the-ground garden, raised-bed garden, etc)
4. Please fill out the **Site Information** sheet on page 3. Fold the sheet and place it inside the Ziplock bag.



How to Collect a Soil Sample



Site Information

Please provide the following information:

1. Your name: _____
2. Street address: _____
3. City: _____ Zip: _____
4. Chicago Community Area (if applicable; e.g. Lincoln Park, Beverly, etc):

5. Aldermanic Ward #: _____ (if a city of Chicago resident)
6. Telephone: (_____) _____
7. Email: _____
8. Sampling Date: _____
9. Location of sample #1: _____
Type of soil (*native, manufactured*¹): _____
10. Location of sample #2: _____ Type of soil
(*native, manufactured*): _____
11. Year your home was built? (or the age of your home?): _____

Note: there is a limit of two soil samples (e.g. 2 Ziplocks) per address. If you are sampling from multiple addresses, you must fill out the Site Information sheet for each address.

¹ *Native soil* is the soil beneath your feet! *Manufactured soil* is soil you have purchased from a nursery or big box store (i.e. Home Depot) and added to your in-the-ground garden or raised-bed garden.