

MAINE'S GUIDE TO MARIJUANA SAMPLING



Identify items to be tested.

Pre-sample Preparation

1.

Identify sampler:

- Testing Facility
- Sample Collector
- Self-sampling



2.

Identify information needed for required sample collection record keeping.



Contact testing facility for instructions on information needed prior to sampling.

Day of Sampling Preparation

1.



Locate the marijuana, marijuana concentrate, or marijuana product(s) to be sampled.

2.



Review the container label information for:

- Batch number
- Producer
- Other identifying information.

3.



Visually inspect the batch to assess uniformity across the batch.

4.



1. Determine the size of the batch.
2. Determine sample size/unit needed.

7.



Record the temperature of sampling environment.

6.



Prepare and weigh empty sample container(s) and record the weight in the sample collection records.

5.



- Select appropriate sampling tool(s).
- Calibrate equipment.

Start Sampling

ATTENTION



Each sample increment should weigh about the same.



Solvent test samples need to:

- Be collected separately.
- Stored immediately after selection.



Homogeneity test samples need to:


- be collected separately
- require 3 separate increments from 3 separate locations.

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Product-Specific Sampling Procedures

Sampling Plant Materials

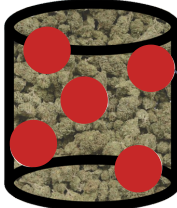
Batch Size

Harvest batch size: Greater than 10kg.  Separate harvest batch into 10kg production batch prior to sampling.


VS

Sample batch size: Less than 10kg.  Refer to Appendix A, Section 11 of Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule for required sample amount.


1. Harvest batches of picked flower or unpackaged products in storage container shall be sampled in a spatial pattern throughout the whole batch.



When sampling entire plant, the plant should be divided into thirds, with samples shall be taken from the lower, mid and top portions.


2.  Combine sample increments to form test sample(s). Follow testing facility's guidance on which container to use for what test. Weigh and record the weight in sample collection records.

3.  Seal and label the sample container(s).


4.  Ensure sample collection records are completed at the sampling location. Record sampling event in Metrc. Generate transport manifest.

Sampling Edibles, Patches, Capsules, and Other Products

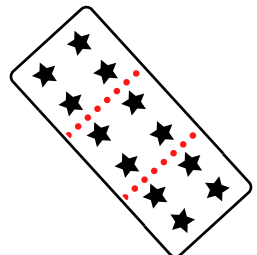
Sample Increment

Unpackaged Retail Units:  Per Serving

VS

Prepackaged retail units:  Per Packaged Unit

1. Divide the batch into zones and randomly select sample units from:
1.) beginning third, 2.) middle third, and 3.) end third.




Sampling Concentrates


Shatter/Wax/Slab

1. Divide the production batch into three thickness levels. Collect the same amount of sample increments within each thickness level. Sample increments should be sampled in a spacial pattern throughout the whole batch.



2.  Combine sample increments to form test sample(s). Follow testing facility's guidance on which container to use for what test. Weigh and record the weight in sample collection records.

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Oils or Tinctures

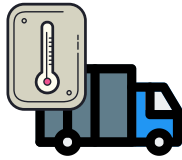
1. Oil or tincture must be at room temperature before sampling. Invert the oil or tincture. The oil or tincture shall flow to the cap of the container and back to the base at least three times. Mix the container of oil or tincture thoroughly before collecting sample increments.



The container should be divided into thirds, with samples shall be taken from the lower, mid and top portions.

Post-sampling

Transport



Sample must be maintained at all times during transport at the original product temperature.

Attention



Only valid IIC-holder is allowed to transport samples

For Testing Purposes Only

ALL samples must be labeled: **"For Testing Purposes Only"**

1.



All samples collected shall be verified to the Metrc generated manifest.

2.



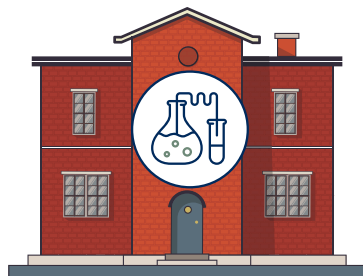
All samples shall be secured to the inside of the transport vehicle. Ensure the samples are neither tampered with nor opened during transport.

3.



Only travel between marijuana establishments that the licensee is collecting samples for mandatory testing and the marijuana testing facility(ies) conducting tests.

Receive Samples



Inspect all samples upon receipt. Promptly notify the licensee if samples are rejected. Record all samples on chain of custody form.