



HOW TO TAKE A SOIL SAMPLE?

Potting soil and coconut fibre

Take a soil sample with care. The way you take a sample is of great importance for the reliability and interpretation of the results. Please follow the instructions.

1) Before taking the samples

- Consider how many samples you need and prepare the right number of bags.
- We need 350 grams of soil per sample. Please use our special sampling bags or use new, not translucent bags. Contact your dealer or send an e-mail to horti@eurofins.com to obtain our special sampling bags.
- Write on the bag your unique sample identification. If you want a historical overview, please put on the bag also an unique object code. Please mention the crop.

2) How to take the sample?

- Take a soil sample in the root zone, between dripper and plant. If possible use an auger.
- The number of samples per crop should be 40. Don't sample the top 5 cm or the plants at the edges of the greenhouse.
- In case of overhead irrigation, take a sample of the whole area.
- Do not take samples in areas where the crop differs from the general view, unless it is to discover growing problems.
- Store the sample in a cool place until the moment they are sent.

3) When to take a sample?

- For fertigation during the season.
 - for all types of potting-soil including coconut fibre
 - this analysis (code 310) takes 2-3 days after Eurofins Agro has received your samples
- Take samples between two irrigations.
- For coconut fibre: use code 421.

4) Do you want to judge the substrate properties (physical examination)?

Send samples of 5 litre of sample material four weeks before planting. This analysis (code 910) takes around 2-3 weeks after Eurofins Agro has received your samples.

NOTE

Preferably check also the quality of the water source.