

Harvard Forest Sample Archive Submission Form

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Submission of Samples:

- Samples will be accepted only from Harvard Forest affiliated researchers who have submitted supporting data and metadata.
- Submissions must be received within one year of project completion.
- Storage requirements (i.e. cold storage, dry storage) must be determined at time of submission.
- Standard box sizes and labeling locations should be used with all items. Exceptions to this policy must go through the archivist for approval.
- Length of storage must be determined at time of submission and/or revisited every 5 years.
- Electronic connection to data and/or document archives databases.
- Disposal of materials will be coordinated with original investigators if not determined at time of submission or by Harvard Forest staff if investigator is no longer available.
- Harvard Forest has the right to refuse submission due to space limitations or non-mission critical materials.
- Materials that Harvard Forest cannot dispose of later due to known hazardous waste will be NOT be accepted.
- Special disposal requirements must be identified at time of submission.
- In some cases, a fee may be charged for storage containers, assistance and/or sampling.

Use of Samples:

- Use of samples by anyone other than project personnel must be approved in writing by the project PI (Principal Investigator) or the Director.
- Once permission has been granted. Project PI will provide oversight with regards to amounts of materials, # of samples, etc.
- A fee may be charged for staff time to provide samples and help with extraction of materials.
- A recording of use will remain with the record.

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