



CCGA Coordinating Meeting

Tuesday June 20, 2023 – 6:00pm - 7:15pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Meeting ID: 826 8046 0687

Passcode: CCGA

6:00pm - 1. Welcome & Call to Order

- Volunteers for Time-Keeper/Note-Taker
- Agenda/Last Meeting Minutes Review
- Welcome to Guests

6:15pm - 2. Committee Reports

- Resources
- Advocacy & Outreach
- Education
 - Soil Testing for Safe Urban Food Production (see below)
- Communications
- Finance

6:45pm – 3. Project/Event Updates

- 2023 Community Event Series (How Does Your Garden Grow) Update
- Proposal to Resume In-Person Monthly Meetings
- any other topics/projects to discuss

7:15pm - 4. Adjourn

Next CCGA Coordinating meeting is Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 6pm.

Soil Testing for Safe Urban Food Production/ per-sample cost \$26.85

1. Follow Instructions for collecting a soil sample with this further note: The depth of sampling can be modified depending on the cultivation method. For example, in raised beds, it is suggested taking the full raised bed depth since that is where roots will be. In shallower soils (e.g., soil imported over a cap or concrete), a shallower depth can be used. Whatever most appropriately reflects the system in question should be considered. Once the sample is collected, dried and put into a double bagged ziplock, mail it either in an envelope or a box, whichever is cheaper. The double bagging (ziplock) will ensure that the soft envelope won't lead to any internal breakage and spillage.
2. No special service recommended, i.e. delivery confirmation or tracing. The team at UI asks that people email Andrew Margenot (margenot@illinois.edu) and copy taylorb6@illinois.edu (lab' manager) with the tracking ID if possible.
3. Send the soil sample to:
Attn: Margenot c/o Taylor Berkshire-Akers
AW-101 Turner Hall
1102 S Goodwin Ave
Urbana, IL 61801

Postage must be paid by the person or organization submitting the samples.

Beyond soils, this team at UI can also test composts, mulch and other non-soil materials and amendments for mercury and these other metals using the same technique.

Additional composite testing of soils for heavy metals lead, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, zinc, copper and other metals (they are already measurable and thus are spit out by the analyzer), it would cost \$165/sample. To do mercury alone would cost \$90. (As a metalloid with a gas phase, it is very difficult to quantify and requires its own analysis.)