

Prestige EnviroMicrobiology, Inc.

Sample collection methods:

To prepare for sample collection, you must obtain all necessary supplies and tools. Have a few pairs of laboratory gloves (can be found at your local drug stores) and rubbing alcohol handy. Always wear your gloves during sample collection.

1. Tape or tape-lift sampling is when you use the sticky surface of an approximately 3” long (1/2” or 3/4” wide) transparent, clear tape to remove suspect “mold or fungal growth” by contact. Place the sticky surface of the tape against the “mold or fungal growth”, and then gently rub the back side of the tape to enhance the contact. Remove the tape and place it inside a clean zip-lock baggie for shipping.
2. To collect swab samples, you must call or e-mail our office (info@Prestige-EM.com) for swab collection kits. Retrieve the swab and moisten the swab using the sterile liquid medium in the wet sponge in the kit. Mark an one square inch area and swab the suspect surface in a vertical and then a horizontal direction with the area. Place the swab back into the kit for shipping.
3. To collect bulk samples, use a clean knife (clean with rubbing alcohol and allow it to dry before taking each bulk sample) to cut a small piece of suspect “moldy” drywall or ceiling tile, for example. Please place each sample in a clean zip-lock baggie for shipping.
4. Make sure you number your samples and fill in the necessary information on the chain-of-custody form.
5. Please place all samples in a large plastic bag for shipping.