



## *Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society*

*Dedicated to Protecting Victoria's Heritage Landscape*

### **2023 Garry Oak Acorn Collecting**

**This year, please limit your collecting to a total of 1 liter of acorns per area per person.**

**Please be sure to clean your acorns, float test them and label them with the location of nearest intersecting streets and municipal region.**

### **Acorn Collection & Selection:**

Garry oak acorns mature around mid-September and fall to the ground until approximately mid-October. Drought stress has caused many trees to abort their acorns and the trees have been dropping green acorns since mid-August. Please don't collect green acorns!

Select large brown, mature acorns - mature acorns are brown – not green. Don't collect cracked acorns or ones with small holes which may indicate the presence of a weevil inside.

Try not to allow the acorns to dry out completely. Germination rates will be reduced if the acorns lose too much moisture and don't collect acorns with caps still attached.

If you intend to collect acorns on land that is not yours, please ensure that you have the permission of the agency, landowner or property manager to access that land. This includes public land managed by Municipal Parks Departments or School Boards - please respect private property and do not trespass.

**Please limit the quantity of acorns collected  
in a single area to approximately  
1liter – a milk carton.**

Please do not bring us planted acorns, potted plants, seedlings or anything in soil – only acorns. Collect them from different locations as this will help us to ensure a wider range of seed diversity from across Greater Victoria!



## Kids – you’ll love this part: There’s a “Float Test” required!



Collected acorns must be given a float test in water.  
Fill up a bucket and toss in your acorns.

**Keep the acorns that sink and toss those the floaters!**

Inspect the sinkers and discard any with weevil holes.

### Storage:

If you’re planting at home sprouting acorns can be sowed right away as there is no embryo dormancy.

If you plan to deliver them to our Volunteer Non-Profit Nursery place your non-sprouted acorns in a heavy-duty black plastic bag. Be certain to label their collection location as described on the previous page, and place in a cool place, cold basement room or a fridge for a short time.

## Where to Drop Off your Garry Oak Acorns

Thank you for collecting Garry oak acorns in support of our volunteer run nursery.  
It is important that acorns be securely packaged in strong black plastic bags.

Acorns may be dropped off at two locations in Saanich:

### 1545 Eric Road

Follow Mt. Douglas Cross Road to Livingstone Avenue, turn left on Beam Crescent and then right on Eric Road.

Acorns may be dropped on left side of house near garage – look for a specially marked Rubbermaid style container.

### 666 Jones Terrace (AFTER Sept. 20)

Follow Burnside Road West to Biscoe Drive then turn right onto Jones Terrace.

Acorns may be dropped in garage – look for a specially marked Rubbermaid style container.

### Thank you for helping us.

If you would like to volunteer please check our website:

<http://www.garryoak.info>

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