



Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society
Dedicated to Protecting Victoria's Heritage Landscape

Garry Oak Acorn Collection Guide

Please limit your collecting to a total of 1 litre of acorns per area per person.

Please be sure to clean your acorns, float test them, and label them with the nearest intersecting streets and the municipal region where they were collected.

Please do not bring us planted acorns, potted plants, seedlings or anything in soil.

Garry oak acorns mature around mid-September and fall to the ground until approximately mid-October. If you collect acorns on land that is not yours, please respect private property and do not trespass.

Choose large, brown, mature acorns. Don't collect cracked acorns or ones with small holes or black dots that may mean a weevil is inside. And don't collect acorns with caps still attached or acorns that are green. They are not ripe.

Collected acorns **must** be given a float test in water. Fill up a bucket and toss in your acorns. **If it floats, throw it out.**

To donate to our Volunteer Nursery, place your tested acorns in a heavy-duty black plastic bag. Be certain to label their collection location with the municipality and nearest street intersection (e.g., Saanich, Braefoot X Mackenzie) and put them in a cool place (like your garage or a fridge) until you can drop them off. Try not to let the acorns dry out completely because that will reduce sprouting.

Acorns may be dropped off at **1545 Eric Road** in Saanich: from Mt Douglas Cross Road, turn onto Livingston Avenue, then turn left on Beam Crescent and then right on Eric Road. Acorns may be dropped off on the left side of the house near the garage – look for a specially marked Rubbermaid-style container.



**Thank you for
helping us!**