1. Identify sample collection area. Areas near urban gardening or where children play may be best.
2. Collect 5-10 samples (a few ounces) and place soil in your foil pan, or similar container.
3. For urban gardening purposes take soil samples from roughly the root depth of the vegetable or plant. For exposure to surface soils (children’s play area, bare soils) collect soil samples from the top 1 to 2 inches.
4. Mix well! Make sure your soil samples are dry and have no rocks!
5. Label bags: “North, West, East, or South side of ####-##### Block of Sample Street & Cross Streets”
6. Bring your samples to the soil kitchen to be tested!