

## FIELD SAMPLING

1. Partially fill plastic bottles (see below) with rubbing alcohol- one per colony to be sampled. Note: bees need to be completely submerged in alcohol.
2. Write sample number and date of collection, **with pencil**, on a small piece of paper (approximately one square inch) and put inside bottle.  
Sample number should be your initials followed by numerals referring to the specific colony being sampled. Thus, WSBA president Tate would send in samples as JT1, JT2, etc.
3. When bees are flying, temporarily close entrances to colonies to be sampled and collect returning foragers with an insect net.
4. Scoop up ½ cup of bees with a measuring cup (see below) and funnel into a plastic bottle containing alcohol.
5. Mail samples in a box or padded envelope to:

Bee Diagnostic Service  
Department of Entomology  
Washington State University  
166 FSHN  
Pullman, WA 99164-6382

MATERIALS	EXAMPLES
plastic bottle	urine sample bottle; Nalgene® bottle
½ cup measuring cup	½ cup measuring cup for cooking; any plastic cup pre-measured to hold ½ cup