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Analysis of Bulk and/or Tape Lift Samples

Samples of materials that are suspected of being mould can be analyzed to determine if in fact it is mould. The sample can be an actual piece of the materials (e.g., a small piece of drywall) or a swab or tape lifts sample taken from an object or surface. The sample is then analyzed for mould. The cost is \$50 plus GST for the first sample and \$40+ GST per additional sample on a five day turn around.

If the object is small or a piece of the product can easily be collected, simply bring in a sample in a Ziploc bag. If the object is large (such as a wall surface), take a take lift of the surface using the following instructions:

How to collect a surface lift sample:

- 1) Obtain clear (transparent) scotch tape. Important to use clear tape.
- 2) Tear two inches of the tape, avoid touching adhesive side.
- 3) Place the tape on top of the surface and press on the center of the tape with your thumb.
- 4) Pull tape and press both ends of the tape together, leaving space in the middle.
- 5) Place the tape inside a labelled bag and bring us the sample.