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Take Home Mould Kit

The take home mould kit is an inexpensive way to collect a mould sample in your home. The kit contains everything you need to collect a proper mould sample. Just set up the stand, attach the cassette at the end of the tube and run the pump for 5 minutes. Bring the sample back to us and we will email the results to you. The report includes both a breakdown of the types and number of the mould spore in the sample but also includes interpretation of the findings in terms of whether this is normal, slightly elevated, much higher than normal, etc.

This is the same field equipment we use when our technicians go out in the field. The test collects a known volume of air to give reliable airborne mould concentrations. Mould spores are captures and collected onto a microscope slide that is analyzed under a microscope under high magnification where individual spores can be identified and counted. Do not confuse it with a take home sampling kit that uses a petri dish like the ones you can pick up at a hardware store or online.





Left: Sampling kit includes a high-volume pump, a stand and a mould cassette. **Right**: Four mould spores can be seen in the image taken from the sample. The "cornflakes" in the image are human skin cells.

The cost of the Take Home Mould Kit is \$100.00 plus the GST. This price includes the rental of the kit, the mould sampling cassette and the cost of analysing the first sample. Normally, a sample is good for one floor of a home. Additional samples can be added for \$60.00 plus the GST. The report is typically available 2 days after the kit and sample are returned to Winnipeg Air Testing.