



# ACORN ROUNDUP

## Collection Kit



THE LAND CONSERVANCY  
OF MCHENRY COUNTY

*"Preserving Land Forever"*

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**Project Quercus**  
Restoring our diminishing Oak Woodlands



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## Acorn Collecting Guide

1. Remove acorn caps and check acorns for damage before placing them in a collection bag.
2. Reject any acorn with damage to the base of the acorn, usually caused when removing the cap from an immature acorn.
3. Also reject any acorn with evidence of insects, bruises, cracks, misshapeness or if they're very small. (In years with poor acorn crops, it may be necessary to keep some acorns with bruises or minor insect damage.)
4. Be sure to label each bag with the date collected, name of the species (scientific or common), where the acorns were collected, and the classification (upland or lowland). Additional tags can be found at [www.ConserveMC.org/AcornRoundup](http://www.ConserveMC.org/AcornRoundup)
5. Do not mix oak varieties in one bag.
6. Use brown grocery bags and store the acorns in a cool location, out of the sun, until they can be delivered to our office at 4622 Dean St., Woodstock, or call for pickup at 815-337-9502.



# Acorn Collection Form

*Please fill out the following form and  
return with packaged acorns to:*

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County  
4622 Dean Street, Woodstock, IL 60098  
**815-337-9502**

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Group/School/Organization (if applicable)

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Name of Primary Contact

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Address

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City/State/Zip

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Phone

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Email

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Estimated hours spent collecting acorns

# Acorn Labeling Information

## **No more than one species per bag!**

Acorns need to be separated into different bags based on species and whether they were collected from an upland or lowland area.

*Example:* Pin Oak acorns should be in a different bag than Red Oak acorns, and Bur Oak acorns collected from a lowland should be placed in a different bag than Bur Oak acorns collected from an upland.

## **Bags need to be tagged with the following information:**

- Date collected
- Scientific name and/or common name of the species (i.e. *Quercus Palustris* and/or Pin Oak)
- How many acorns are in each bag
- Where the acorns were collected (i.e. town, city, village specific area of community)
- Is the area classified as a lowland or upland area?

**Lowland** - an area of land that is low in relation to the surrounding country, for example, river, creek or stream bottom and flood plain, valley or other area prone to flooding.

**Upland**—elevated or “hilly” section of land.

**Additional tags can be printed from TLC’s website:  
([www.ConserveMC.org/AcornRoundup](http://www.ConserveMC.org/AcornRoundup)).**