



# Acorn Roundup



We need your help to ensure the future of our oak woodlands!

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## Acorn Collection Form

*Return this form with your packaged acorns*

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Group/School/Organization (if applicable)

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Name

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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

**Thank You!**

# Acorn Collecting & Labeling:

There are many places you can collect acorns—look for areas that have been maintained like parks, churches, schools, golf courses. It's recommended that you get permission. Most people will want to help if you explain the project.

Begin checking for ripe acorns in late August. Caps should be easy to remove without damage to the nut. They may be picked directly from the tree when ripe.

Check acorns for damage before placing them in a collection bag, and **reject any acorn with evidence of insects.**

Separate acorns into different bags based on species and whether they were collected from an upland or lowland area.

## **IMPORTANT:**

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

**Tag each bag of acorns with the following info:**

- Date collected
- Oak species (if unsure, include a leaf in the bag for identification).
- Where the acorns were collected (town, city, village, specific area of community)
- Indicate if the area is a lowland or upland area.

*Lowland—area of land that is low in relation to the surrounding country, for example, a valley or other area prone to flooding.*

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

- Leave bags partly open to retard sprouting and mildew.
- Store acorns in a dark, cool location until they can be delivered to The Land Conservancy
- Our office is located at the Hennen Conservation Area, 4622 Dean St., in Woodstock, IL