

I. Soil Sampling

>500 g, composite sampling

II. a) Sample Preparation

Soil Characterization

Texture, SOM

Drying

$\leq 40^{\circ}\text{C}$

Homogenization

II. b) Sample Preparation per Sieve Fraction

$\leq 1, \leq 2, \leq 5\text{ mm}$

$> 5\text{ mm}$

Aggregate Dispersion

Using sodium hexametaphosphate

Dominant Soil Constituent?

Organic Inorganic

SOM Digestion

Fenton reagent

Density Separation

$\rho = 1.6\text{--}1.8\text{ g cm}^{-3}$

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Solvent Extraction (Optional)

Trichlorobenzene, DCM, ...

Manual Sorting

Staining may aid visual detection

III. Analysis

Particle type and morphology

FTIR-ATR

Microscopy

III. Analysis

Particle

Mass

(FPA-)FTIR

Raman

Py- or

TED-GC/MS

NMR

⚠ Research needed for aged plastic debris, biodegradable polymers, and nanoplastics