

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

WHAT TO SEND

Your sample should consist of a generous handful of material. It is important to carefully select the area where you will extract the sample: give special consideration to soot and dirt build up. If you are planning to wash the building after repairs, please wash a small portion of the wall first, and then extract the sample. We also suggest that you plan to install your custom 10lb. sample, which will be sent to you after the testing is completed, in the same wall area you took the sample from to confirm our match.

Our laboratory requests a minimum of six larger pieces of original mortar showing weathered side of the material measuring no less than 1" in length. Most historic mortars are soft, and larger pieces may be difficult to extract from the wall, so mortar samples are usually extracted from the "bed joints" which are the horizontal joints in the wall. The balance of the sample may be small crumbs and even dust in some cases, however; please keep the sample pieces as large as possible.

Samples need to be extracted by someone with good understanding of the building who can clearly identify the exact elevation, function of mortar and date of sampling. Your mortar sample should be placed in a plastic ziplock bag before it is packed. Please provide adequate packing materials so that the sample is not damaged during transit.

Mail to: **The U.S. Heritage Group, 3516 North Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60641**. Make sure to include the Mortar Matching Sample Request Form and payment.

WE CANNOT PROCESS YOUR REQUEST IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE ENCLOSED MORTAR MATCHING SAMPLE REQUEST FORM.

Your custom mortar will be shipped to you within four weeks. We look forward to receiving your sample. Any questions may be directed to Tom Glab, who can be reached at 773-286-2100 ext 307.

