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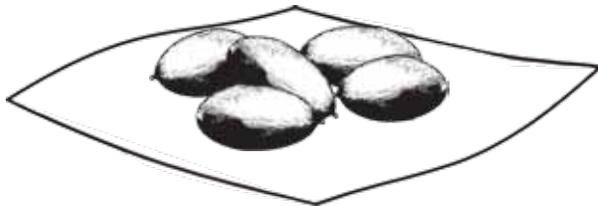
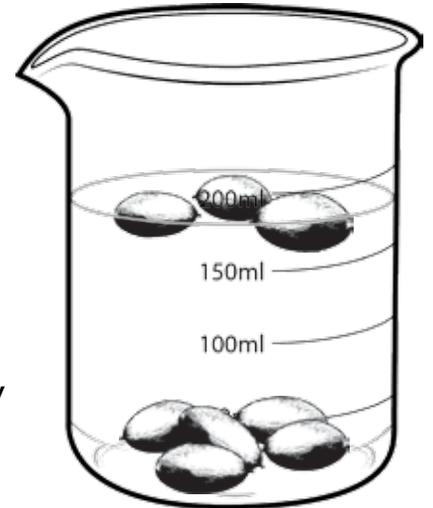
Collect, Test, and Store Acorns Until Planting



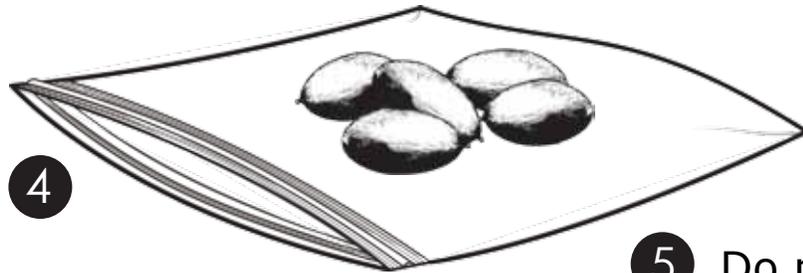
- 1 Collect acorns that have recently fallen or can be removed from the tree easily by gently twisting acorn cup or cap.

Remove all acorn caps and test for viability (ability to sprout). Place the acorns in water, discard any acorns that float and retain those that sink.

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- 3 Surface dry acorns by placing on towels for half an hour.



Place dry acorns in a plastic bag without soil.

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- 5 Do not seal.



Label with collection location and date.

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Collection Location:

Park Somewhere

Date Refrigerated:

Month-Day-Year

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Acorns may be refrigerated for 4 - 12 weeks. Check acorns every week to make sure harmful molds are not developing and that acorns are not beginning to germinate. If they are, plant as soon as possible.

Note: Illustrated above are basic acorn planting guidelines. For more in depth information on acorn propagation go to www.ucanr.org/oak_range and refer to "Regenerating Rangeland Oaks in California."



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