

SOP Natural Soils in the Research Greenhouse

User Responsibilities

1. Room G08 is dedicated to the use of natural soils. No other space/rooms may be used unless permission is given by the Research Greenhouse personnel.
2. Users are to enter the Research Greenhouse using the front door and exit through the back door to prevent any circulation in the main corridor. The back door is the closest entrance/exit from room G08. Users must also use this door when natural soil is brought in and out of the greenhouse.
3. Only personnel who have direct relation with the natural soil experiments (User//PI/Greenhouse staff) will be permitted to enter room G08. It is prohibited to enter other compartments containing experiments unless it is approved by Greenhouse personnel. Doing so will greatly decrease the risk of pest/pathogen infestation in the Research Greenhouse.
4. Respecting the Covid-19 rules and regulation, a maximum of **two people** will be allowed in room G08 at the same time. Please refer to the **Covid-19 Procedure Form** for all the safety protocols and rules that must be followed in the Research Greenhouse.
https://www.mcgill.ca/plant/files/plant/covid-19_procedures_research_greenhouse_and_phytorium.pdf
5. Greenhouse sanitation is the first step in managing pests and pathogens. Please step into the sanitizing footbaths

10. Natural soil can be stored in room G08 in properly sealed containers. They are to be brought in through the back entrance into room G08 and opened only once inside. It is the users responsibility to obtain the natural soil that they will be working with.
11. Promptly notify Research Greenhouse personnel if any pests are detected. Scouting for pests is an important task especially when working with natural soils.
12. Users are not to implement any sort of pest/pathogen control, including the use of sticky traps, baits, and/or any sort of pesticide (insecticides, fungicides, soaps, oils, organic/natural pesticides, etc.) without express permission by Research Greenhouse personnel. If users have suggestions or ideas regarding pest/pathogen control, staff are available and happy to discuss their suggestions/ideas.
13. Users are not to occupy spaces/benches (storing tools, supplies, etc.) that was not assigned to them. Charges will apply if material is placed in those spaces.
14. Please report any general problems such as equipment malfunction and missing equipment as soon as possible to

All experiment end dates must be respected. Acceptions for extensions may be given with the permission of the Research Greenhouse personnel. Please take note that the Research Greenhouse is a shared environment with all departments.

Finally, a friendly reminder ó use of the Research Greenhouse and Phytorium is a privilege granted to all of us by the Dean and McGill University administration. It is important that we respect and take care of each other by following all McGill guidelines and regulations, and the specific procedures as outlined above. Failure to do so could lead to your removal from the space, and in severe cases, having the permission to conduct your research trial revoked.

Thank you for your diligence and cooperation in following these procedures. We are all looking forward to a safe, productive and successful research ramp-up!

As a user of a workspace or workspaces in the Research Greenhouse, I (the undersigned) have read and agree to all of the terms listed above.

Workspace:

Users (print names):

Users (signatures):

Date:

As Principal Investigator, I (the undersigned) have read and agree to all of the terms listed above, and take ultimate responsibility for the users listed here.

PI (print name):

PI (signature):

Date:

