

INSTRUCTIONS for Filling Out Provenience Tables for Stratigraphic Samples:

PLEASE CREATE A NEW PROVENIENCE TABLE FOR EACH SITE.

We have found there are as many labeling methods as there are archaeologists!
Using this form puts us all on the same page.

Note: the information that we are requesting helps us provide you with a full interpretation of the stratigraphic record from the perspective that samples collected at close intervals (2 cm) will have a different interpretive potential than samples collected at 10 cm intervals and certainly greater interpretive potential than samples collected as individual samples within each stratum.

1. **Unique Sample No.** Please provide a unique sample number for each artifact submitted for analysis. This means no two stratigraphic samples should have the same sample number, and may require that you re-number samples accordingly. Due to the nature of many data tracking programs we also ask that you DO NOT use letters in your sample numbers.
2. **Unit No.** Please provide the unit number associated with each stratigraphic sample submitted for analysis, if you have one.
3. **Depth.** Please provide the depth in units associated with each artifact submitted for analysis, and remember to keep the units for all the samples consistent (eg. cmbs, cmbd, or feet, not a combination of these).
4. **Stratum.** Please provide the stratum associated with each stratigraphic sample.
5. **Stratum Description.** Please provide a brief description of the stratum from which the sample was recovered. We also require that a more complete stratum description be submitted with the site information including a stratigraphic drawing to scale with each sample location labeled. Professional quality drawings are NOT necessary, field sketches are acceptable. **Stratigraphic drawings should have the samples marked on them for clarity.**
6. **Requested Analysis.** Please CLEARLY state the analysis you are requesting for each sample. NOTE: Analysis recommendations may be made by PaleoResearch.