AIR NATIONAL GUARD SAFETY
BIRDSTRIKE EVIDENCE/SNARGE COLLECTION

GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTING BIRDSTRIKE MATERIAL

Source: Feather Identification Lab, Smithsonian Institution

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FEATHERS

- Whole Bird - Pluck a variety of feathers (breast, back, wing, tail)
- Partial Bird - Collect a variety of feathers with color or pattern
- Feathers only - Send all material available
- Do not cut feathers from the bird (we need the downy part at the base of the feathers)
- Do not use any sticky substance (no tape or glue)

TISSUE/BLOOD ("SNARGE")

- Dry material - Scrape or wipe off into a clean resealable bag **or** wipe area with pre-packaged alcohol wipe **or** spray with alcohol to loosen material then wipe with clean cloth/gauze
  (*Please do not use water, bleach, or other cleansers – they destroy DNA)
- Fresh material - Wipe area with alcohol wipe and/or clean cloth/gauze **or** apply fresh tissue/blood to an FTA® DNA collecting card

ALL PACKAGES

- Always include any feather material available
- Include copy of report (AF Form 853)
- Always secure all remains in re-sealable plastic bag

PLEASE REORDER BASH KIT SUPPLIES AS NEEDED

	BASH KIT Supplies
SNARGE collection	Gallon Ziploc bags
	Quart Ziploc bags
	Individual Purell Alcohol Wipes
	6" Ruler
PPE	Latex gloves
	Small bottle of Purell hand sanitizer
Reporting	AF Form 853
	Tyvek Addressed Envelope 9x12
	Sharpie