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## **Phytoplankton Storage**

- 1. Measure out 250 ml of Phyto
- 2. Gently expand the pleated bottom of the pouch and the top opening so that you can insert the funnel.
- 3. Do not put your fingers inside the pouch because this can lead to contamination
- 4. Pour phyto into the pouch and stop when it is half way full.
- 5. Further expand the pouch at the bottom
- 6. Pour the rest of the phyto into the pouch
- 7. Plug in the impulse sealer and set the knob to position 4.
- 8. Each sealer can be slightly different so if the seal isn't strong enough turn it up and if the plastic is too melted turn it down.
- 9. Make slight adjustments because a little change can make a big difference
- 10. Position the impulse sealer at the edge of a counter so the phyto pouch drapes over the edge. This position will help you avoid spilling phyto out of the pouch as you seal it
- 11. Place the pouch opening in the sealer and press the handle down. The sealer will turn on and you'll see a red light. Hold down the sealer until it turns itself off and the red light goes out.
- 12. It's a good practice to seal the pouch a second time using the same technique