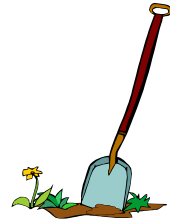


How to Collect Soil Samples for Testing

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DO:

- Collect soil for testing using the following guidelines:
 - Plowed or tilled areas - collect cores from top 6 - 8 inches of soil
 - Non-tilled areas (lawn, pasture, no-till and minimum till-crops) - collect soil from the top 3 - 4 inches of soil
- Consider sampling problem areas separately.
- Use a clean, dry plastic bucket to put soil in.
- Collect soil randomly across entire area (field, lawn, garden, pasture, etc.) and mix to represent each area soil sample.
- Remove twigs, grass, leaves, etc. from sample.
- Allow soil to air-dry.
- Bring enough soil to fill a zip-lock sandwich bag to our office for testing.
- The current fee is \$7.00 per sample (discounts applied for 10 or more samples)
- Soil probes may be borrowed for a \$25.00 deposit refundable upon probe return.



DON'T!!!!

- Don't use rubber or galvanized buckets for mixing soil.
- Don't collect soil near compost/mulch/manure piles.
- Don't collect soil near roads or sidewalks.
- Don't collect soil near tree driplines.
- Don't try to artificially dry samples.