

Procedures for Taking Soil Samples

- Each sample for testing should be a composite or mixture of 10 to 15 separate samplings scattered over a well defined area
- Look your field over. Take one composite sample from each 10 acre area or from each area of significant size which is uniform with respect to texture, slope, drainage, erosion, color, or past soil management
- Use a sampling tube, auger, or spade

Lawn and garden

- For your vegetable garden, flower beds, trees, and shrubs take sample to 6-8 inches in depth
- For home lawn take sample to 3 inches in depth

Agriculture

- For corn and soybeans take sample to 6-8 inches in depth
 - For forages take sample to 4 inches in depth
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- Place the 10 to 15 samples, slices or borings of soil, in a clean pail. Mix thoroughly and allow to air dry (24 hours)
 - Fill soil sample bag or baggie with 1 cup of the mixed soil for testing. Keep a record of each sample by number
 - Take the soil sample to the OSU Extension *Office*. The Extension will pay for the postage and mail the sample to the lab

The cost is \$15.00 per each sample. (May 2010) After the results are an agent from OSU Extension Clermont County (513-732-7070) will mail your soil sample results and recommendations to you. Allow approximately 2 to 3 weeks from the date the sample is mailed.