



Soil pH Sampling Instructions

Please follow these instructions for best results. For more accurate testing results, soil samples must be representative of the entire garden. Samples can be taken any time the soil is dry enough to work. Use a clean hand trowel and a clean plastic container. Do not handle soil samples with your hands.

1. Only take samples when the soil is dry (not clumpy). Do not handle soil with hands, use a trowel.
2. Select 5 to 6 sites in the garden or 10 to 12 sites for large gardens.
3. Scrape away 1 to 2 inches of surface litter. Force the trowel as far into the soil as it will go. Remove the trowel with as much soil as possible, which should contain a reasonable cross-section of soil to be sampled.
4. Place soil samples from each site into a single plastic container large enough to mix well.
5. Thoroughly mix the soil samples together. Remove 1.5 cups of soil from the mixed batch and allow to dry. When dry place in a zip-lock plastic bag.
6. Return your soil sample with the form to the collection box at the Library.

Cut here and return form with sample to the Library

SOIL SAMPLE INTAKE FORM



Date: _____

Name: _____



Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

What Are you Planting? vegetables flowers lawns trees/shrubs
 small fruit other _____

Staff Name: _____ Paid CK#/ Amount: _____