



Red Hen Turf Farm's Soil Test Instructions and Pricing (Regional Area Only)

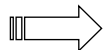
This soil testing procedure takes little time, and it will help us design your **Custom Fertilizer Program**. Soil testing is a beneficial route to help understand what fertilizers your lawn needs. Although **home soil test kits can be** purchased from stores, we do not recommend them since they are not as accurate.

There is no specific best time to collect soil samples but try to avoid times when the soil is excessively dry or wet. *If you have recently fertilized your lawn, it is best to wait 8 weeks after application before collecting a soil sample.* Soil samples should be re-tested once every 2-3 years until you reach your desired result.

The tools you will need for collecting a soil sample are a **soil probe, trowel, or spade**. You will also need a **plastic bucket**. (Using a metal bucket could contaminate the sample)

1. **Soil test payment is due at time of processing paperwork.** The first soil sample bag = \$65.00 plus tax. For each additional sample bag, the cost is \$20 plus tax each. Payment for soil-testing must be accompanied with the initial order. We accept cash, check or credit card. Online payments are also available by going to www.redhenturf.com. Go to "Click to Pay Now" on homepage.
2. Divide your lawn into **major areas**. Front yard, back yard, and large side yards are usually major areas. You'll need to prepare a **Soil Sample Bag** for each major area you want to test.
3. **On each Soil Sample Bag before you fill it:**
 - a. Fill in your **Name** where it states "Grower/Client" or "Farm/Site" whichever is applicable.
 - b. For **Field/Area**, it is suggested you use "Front Yard" "Back Yard" or "Side Yard" or whatever is applicable.
 - c. We will fill out the rest of the soil sample bag when it is returned to us.
4. **For each Sample Bag you'll be using**, collect at least 3 soil samples within each **major area**. (You'll end up mixing together the 3 samples from the major area.)
 - a. Collect the first sample by using your digging tool to make 2 v-cuts in the soil to remove the v-cut plug, and set the v-cut plug aside.
 - b. Sample to a depth of 4 – 6 inches. Next take a 1 inch thick slice off the backside of the hole where the v-cut plug was removed. Discard the thatch and leaves.
 - c. Put the first soil sample in a clean plastic container or bag.
 - d. Replace the v-cut plug back in the hole.
 - e. Gather 3 to 5 more samples in the same manner, then mix the collected soil samples in the plastic container.
 - f. From the plastic container, fill the labeled **Soil Sample Bag** to the indicated level and discard the rest.
5. Return your sample bag(s) to Red Hen Turf Farm. We will then send it to *A&LGreatlakes Labs, Fort Wayne, IN for analysis*.
6. Within about 2 - 3 weeks, Red Hen Turf will receive the lab's **detailed analysis**. At that time, we will mail or email your results to you and give recommendations specific to your lawns needs. You can always contact us with any questions.

PLEASE FILL OUT INFORMATION FORM ON BACK SIDE WHEN TURNING IN SAMPLES.



Red Hen Turf Farm's SOIL TESTING Customer Information Form

Sample Area(s): Front Back Side Other _____ Today's Date _____

Please make sure you write your name under Grower/Client on soil bag AND what area the soil came from under Field/Area. We will fill out the rest.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email (For Results): _____ Yard Size (Square Feet) _____

Lawn Issues/Reason for soil sample and what would you like to achieve? _____

What is your current Fertilizer Schedule (how often do you fertilize, frequency and what fertilizer product do you currently use? _____

Do you have in-ground irrigation system? Y or N If Not, Do you use sprinklers or hoses? Y or N
At what height do you mow your lawn? _____ How Often? _____

Many lawn issues can be corrected with the following:

- Mowing correctly - Cut no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at one time and keep grass at a height of 2-1/2 to 3 inches. Do not bag clippings, it will add small amounts of nitrogen which will help fertilize the lawn.
- Fertilizing correctly - Apply the right amount and appropriate fertilizers at least twice a year (spring and fall) if not more depending on the level of maintenance you desire.
- Watering correctly - Most Indiana lawns need at least 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week, depending on weather, soil type and slope. Over irrigating and under irrigating can cause many lawn issues and diseases.

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[Below Section for Red Hen Use Only]

Date Soil Sample(s) Received by Red Hen: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____ Cash Credit Card Check # _____

Invoice # _____ Sq. Feet for Red Hen Recommendations: _____

# OF TEST BAGS	AMOUNT
1	\$65.00, plus Tax = \$69.55
2	\$85.00, plus Tax = \$90.95
3	\$105.00, plus Tax = \$112.35
4	\$125.00, plus Tax = \$133.75
5	\$145.00, plus Tax = \$155.15
6	\$165.00, plus Tax = \$176.55

Follow Up Recommendations: _____

