

Red Hen's 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.**

STEPS:

- 1) **PAYMENT: 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:**
 - ⇒ Fill in your **Name** where it states "Grower/Client" or "Farm/Site" whichever is applicable.
 - ⇒ For **Field/Area**, it is suggested you use "Front Yard" "Back Yard" or "Side Yard" or whatever is applicable.
 - ⇒ 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.)
 - ⇒ 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.
 - ⇒ 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.
 - ⇒ Put the first soil sample in a clean plastic container or bag.
 - ⇒ Replace the v-cut plug back in the hole.
 - ⇒ Gather 3 to 5 more samples in the same manner, then mix the collected soil samples in the plastic container.
 - ⇒ 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&L Great Lakes 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. >>>>>>**

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