

HOW TO TAKE A SOIL SAMPLE

1. PICK A TEST & COMPLETE THE FORM

Go to usual.usu.edu/home-soil/ and pick out which soil test you would like for your landscape. Download the home soil test form to fill out as you prepare your sample.

2. GET THE SAMPLE

For standard topsoil, dig 6 to 12 inches deep. For turf samples, dig 6 inches deep. **Samples need to be taken in several places.**

3. MIX IT

Mix soil samples in a clean bucket or container. If chunks remain in your sample, don't hesitate to break them apart.

4. KEEP TWO CUPS

Place two cups of soil into a quart-sized, heavy-duty resealable plastic bag in a small USPS mailing box. Include a completed order form.

5. DELIVER THE SAMPLE

You can send in your sample via the US Mail, UPS, FedEx, etc. or deliver in person.

Mail-in:

USU Analytical Labs
9400 Old Main Hill
Logan, UT 84322-9400

In-person delivery:

1541 N 800 E
North Logan, UT

Be sure to include a completed form & payment with the delivery.

more information at:

www.usual.usu.edu/home-soil/

www.dontshare.utah.org

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WHY GET YOUR HOME SOIL TESTED?

- ✓ **Helps you grow healthier, more productive soils:** Routine soil testing identifies what nutrients are needed or not needed in the soil. Soil pH, salinity levels, and soil texture are also analyzed. If plant nutrients are found to be deficient, the soil test will indicate amounts needed for optimum growth.
- ✓ **Responsibly protects the environment:** Soil testing also reveals what nutrients are present in excess amounts that should NOT be added. Applying nutrients needlessly results in soil chemical imbalance and plant problems. Excessively applied nutrients contaminate water, adversely affecting public health and the environment.
- ✓ **Saves you money:** You make better decisions and save money when you do not apply nutrients that are not needed. Wisely, you only apply what the soil needs.

 **Don't Share.**

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