

## Sample Handling

Samples should be air dried overnight. Dry samples on a flat surface lined with clean white paper. Take care to avoid contamination. After drying, transfer the sample to the soil sample bag and bring it to your local extension office.

\*\*\*\*\*Soil Samples are \$9.00 each\*\*\*\*\*

Please submit samples and check to:

## Q: How soon will I get my results back (turn-around-time)?

**A:** The analysis takes two to three working days from the time the lab receives the samples. In general, it takes **seven to ten days** from the time we receive the samples to the time you get your test reports back.

## Q: Who do I contact regarding my soil test results and recommendations if I

**A:** The Soil Test Report provides an interpretation of all soil tests done by the Soil Testing Lab and is accompanied by appropriate nutrient and lime recommendations. If you need further information about your test results, contact your local UGA Cooperative Extension office.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: When and how often should soils be tested?

**A:** Soils can be tested any time during the year. However, allow enough time for the analysis and for fertilizer and lime application. Lime reacts slowly and, if possible, it should be mixed with the soil two to three months before planting. Generally, fall is the most desirable time to sample because land-scapes and gardens are usually dry and easily accessible.

Once medium or high fertility levels are established, lawn and ornamental areas need to be sampled every two to three years.

Vegetable gardens should be sampled every one to two years.

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# Soil Testing

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Food Plots

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## Background

Developing and maintaining productive soils begin with soil testing. Soils tests provide information on the soil's actual nutrient status. Test results are used to determine the amount and kind of nutrients that should be added for the best growth

