

Bring us your dirt!



(Courtesy of the Huron River Watershed Council)

Don't guess....Soil test!

FREE LAWN SOIL TESTING

APRIL 17, 2004

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Now is the time when property owners long to get out to enjoy warmer temperatures, and get that grass growing green. While nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and other nutrients are necessary for a healthy lawn, over-application of fertilizers wastes money, ruins plants, and pollutes water. In our area, that water includes the Kalamazoo River, its tributaries and our numerous lakes.

Soil testing is a first step in determining what your lawn needs for optimum health and growth. **It's easy!** Just follow these directions.

1. Using a clean trowel and a pail, collect ten representative soil samples from your lawn.
2. For each sample, remove a trowel-full of soil that extends seven inches below the surface. (*Do not include roots, thatch, plant materials, rocks or gravel in the sample.*) Mix the ten soil samples together in the pail.
3. Place 1 cup of the well-mixed soil in a clean plastic bag or container. Dry or damp soil is okay, but soggy soil should be allowed to air dry.
4. Take your soil to one of the testing sites listed below.

ONLY ONE SOIL SAMPLE PER PERSON, PLEASE!

Keep your lawn green and your water clean!

PARTICIPATING RETAILERS AND TEST SITES TO DATE

(Call 269-966-0712 for a Current Listing)

Albion	Jolly Green Junction
Battle Creek	Battle Creek Farm Bureau, Battle Creek Store Kellogg Community College Lakeview Hardware Springfield Landscape Material Struble's Hardware Voyce's East Leroy Elevator
Charlotte	Eaton Farm Bureau
Delton	Delton Floral and Greenhouse
Fennville	Huntree Nursery
Homer	Homer High School
Kalamazoo	Farm N Garden Kalamazoo Valley Plant Growers Co-op
Marshall	Darling's Hardware
Plainwell	CC Supply
Portage	Schrier Park, 850 West Osterhout Ave
Richland	Richland Hardware

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SOIL TEST STRIPS



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Area retailers in partnership sponsor this free soil testing day with a broad coalition of citizen groups, business and industry, state and local agencies and educational institutions interested in protection and restoration of the water quality of the Kalamazoo River Watershed.