

Bring us your dirt!



Don't guess....Soil test!

FREE LAWN SOIL TESTING

April 22, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(Courtesy of the Huron River Watershed Council)

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			
Albion	Jolly Green Junction	Allegan	Allegan Conservation District
Battle Creek Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle Creek Farm Bureau, Battle Creek Store • Lakeview Hardware • Level Park Hardware 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowe's • Scooters Hardware 	
Charlotte	Eaton Farm Bureau	Delton	Delton Floral and Greenhouse
Kalamazoo	Farm N Garden	Marshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darling's Hardware • Calhoun Conservation District
Olivet	Olivet High School	Otsego	Home Depot
Portage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowe's • Kalamazoo Conservation District 	Richland	Richland Hardware

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.