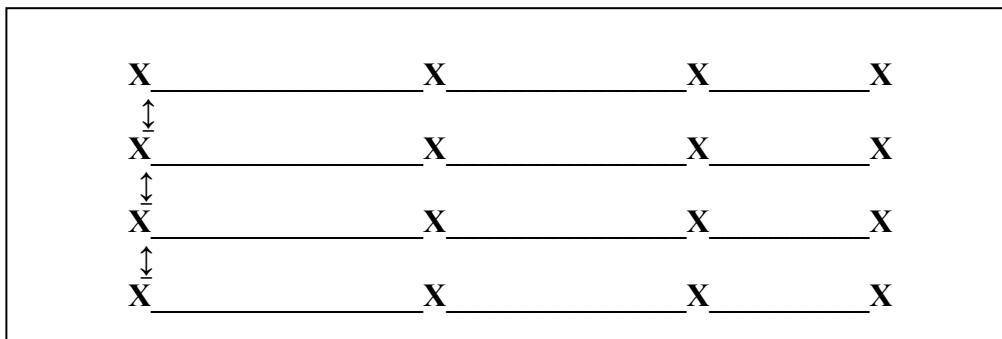


How to take Soil Samples in Lawns and Gardens

The goal is to take small amounts of soil from many places in the lawn or garden. These small samples will then be combined into one large sample that will be sub-sampled and sent to our Laboratory for analysis.

Follow the steps outlined below to ensure proper sample collection:

1. Make a slit in the soil 3-4 inches deep for lawns/ 6-8 inches deep for gardens using a trowel or small shovel.
2. Move the shovel back and forth to create a small hole.
3. Remove a thin slice of soil about ½ inch thick from the hole and place it in a clean plastic bucket
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 10-15 times throughout the area to be tested. Follow a “S” or “Z” pattern as illustrated below. Avoid small areas of dead grass, backfilled soil and other unusual areas. If these areas are a problem they should be tested separately.



Typical pattern for sampling an area of lawn/garden

5. Place the soil from the bucket on a clean sheet of newspaper or plastic and allow to dry overnight.
6. When the soil is dry, break up the clumps and mix thoroughly. Fill the sample bag to the line on the outside (about 2 cups of soil) and seal it. Discard the remaining soil. If you do not have a sample bag use a ziplock or paper bag
7. Label the sample bag with your name, sample ID and approximate acreage.
8. Complete a “Soil test information form” available on the website on our “Resources Section” (www.agrianalysis.com/Resources.htm). The basic test is code SBA and costs \$8.00.
9. Box your request form, check payable to Agri Analysis Inc. and sample together. Ship to:

Agri Analysis, Inc.
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Ship your samples by: US Mail, UPS, Federal Express, Courier Service in selected areas (www.agrianalysis.com/SamplePickupRoutes.htm) OR drop off at the laboratory

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