



# Steps For Taking A Soil Sample

1. Using a spade or shovel (or probe that you may borrow from our office) go over your area several different places and go down 6 inches to get the soil then put in a clean container such as a bucket. Mix this all up and bring in 2 cups of that mixture.

**(If the soil is wet, please spread it out on some newspaper and let it dry first).**

2. Place the mixture in a Ziploc bag, coffee can or any other clean container and bring to the Extension Office. Remember to keep your samples separated with an identifying number, letter, etc. on the container if you are bringing in more than one sample. The secretary will ask you some questions concerning your samples and the cost is \$7.00 per sample.
3. We will send the samples into the research lab at Princeton for testing. The results will come back to our office on the computer, our agriculture agent will sign them, and they will be mailed to you at the address that you provided.
4. After receiving the results, if you have any questions, feel free to call our office and talk with the agriculture agent. The phone number is 527-3285.
5. Our hours are Monday - Friday, 8am – 4:30 pm.



**If you have any further questions, please call our office prior to taking your sample, and we will be glad to help you.**

