

# DON'T GUESS...SOIL TEST

Michigan State University Extension Soil Testing Program  
APRIL 2...APRIL 9...APRIL 16

Over application of fertilizers harms the environment, damages plants and wastes your money. Soil testing determines what your soil has and what your plants need for optimum growth. Take advantage of this springtime soil test value pricing!

## Livingston County Retailers:

Big Acre Store  
Brighton 810/227-5053

Cowbell Lawn and Garden  
Brighton 810/632-5841

Lepek Nursery and Garden  
Brighton 810/227-2566

Meier Flowerland  
Brighton 810/229-9430

Pinckney Hardware  
Pinckney 734/878-2000

## Washtenaw County Retailers:

Dexter Mill  
Dexter 734/426-4621

Downtown Home and Garden  
Ann Arbor 734/662-8122

Farmer's Supply  
Chelsea 734/475-1777

Fresh Season's Market  
Ann Arbor 734/662-6000

Saline Town and Country ('til noon)  
Saline 734/429-2909

Willis Feed Mill ('til noon)  
Willis 734/461-1760

**Results will be mailed directly to you  
in time for spring planting.**

A partnership of MSU Extension-Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, MSU Soil & Plant Nutrient Laboratory, Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner's Office and the Huron River Watershed Council.

**MSUE Washtenaw Co. 734/997-1678**  
**MSUE Livingston Co. 517/546-3950**



## Just follow these directions:

1. Select any of these tests: lawn, flower garden, vegetable garden or trees and shrubs. You can get more than one test but samples must be collected separately.
2. Using a clean trowel and pail, collect ten representative samples from the area you are testing.
3. For each sample, remove a trowel-full of soil, which extends to the proper depth for your test. Depths: lawn—to 4 inches; flowers and vegetables—to 12 inches; trees and shrubs—to 12 inches. Do not include roots, thatch, plant materials, rocks or gravel in the sample.
4. Mix the samples together and remove one cup for testing. Place in a plastic sandwich bag and label with the kind of test wanted. If the soil is wet, let it air dry before packing.
5. Bring your soil to one of the participating retailers listed between 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
6. Cost: **\$15** which includes soil pH, nutrients, soil type, organic matter and a recommendation written especially for your soil.
7. Testing is done by the MSU Soil & Plant Nutrient Laboratory and recommendations are written by your County Extension Agent.