



How to Take a Soil Sample for Testing:

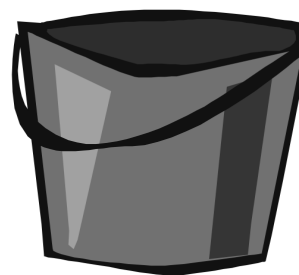
Tools:

- Hand shovel
- Small bucket



Steps:

1. Collect small amounts of soil about 6 inches from all around your field and place in the bucket. If you have a large farm take samples of every field in a zig zag pattern.



2. Mix the soil samples in the bucket well.

3. Put soil in a dry place like in your home or a green house. Make sure the soil is dry! This might take a week for the soil to completely dry out. Drying the soil prevents mold from forming when you send it to the lab.

4. After the soil is completely dry, take 1 cup of the soil sample and follow the directions to send your soil sample out to be testing. Instructions to send a sample may vary from lab to lab.

Where and When to Test:

You should test you soil once a year. For faster results it is best to send your soil sample out in Spring or Fall. This way you have time to change the soil health if need be.

You can send your soil samples to:

- The University of Massachusetts (UMass)
<https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory>
- The University of Connecticut (UConn)
<https://soiltest.uconn.edu/>