

Collecting and Submitting Soil Samples

- Use iron or stainless steel probes/tools & a clean plastic bucket.
- Avoid combining areas of different soil types & fertilizer histories; avoid fertilizer bands, & corners / ends of fields.
- Collect 15 to 20 cores per sample; sample 0 to 8 inches deep for plowed fields; 0 to 4 inches deep for no-till or pastures.
- Break up cores & mix soil in bucket.
- Label soil box with name, address, and sample IDs using a pencil or waterproof marker.
- Fill the sample box to red fill line; do not overfill.
- **DO NOT PUT SOIL IN PLASTIC BAGS.**
- **DO NOT TAPE BOXES.**
- Lime history is important; be sure to record lime applied in the past 12 months on page 1.
- Crop codes are required to receive a recommendation.
Samples cannot be processed without a crop code.
- Ship samples in a well packed cardboard box so samples are tightly secured from within. Do not ship samples using flat mailers or envelopes.

Crop Codes for Homeowners

022 Lawn Centipede

026 Lawn (not centipede)

024 Vegetable Garden

023 Flower Garden

030 Berries / Fruits / Nuts (*except blueberries*)

032 Blueberries

031 Landscape Tree (*deciduous and evergreen*)

020 Azalea / Camelia

025 Mtn. Laurel / Rhododendron

028 Rose

029 Shrubs