Get Your Soil Tested
by the University of Missouri Extension

Why should you have your soil tested?
• Soil conditions have a big effect on plant health
• pH and nutrient levels can change over time
• You may be over-fertilizing your lawn or garden
• Testing is the only way to tell which nutrients might be missing

What does it tell you?
Your test results will tell you the status of the nutrients below. You will get specific recommendations to improve plant health.
- Phosphorus
- Potassium
- Calcium
- Magnesium
- % Organic Matter
- pH
- CEC
- N.A.

Results will be returned 10-14 days after the sample is submitted.

What does it cost?
Just $22

How to collect a sample*

1. Make one cut into the ground as deep as the shovel will go
2. Make another cut 1 inch behind the first
3. Tilt the shovel back and lift out the soil slice
4. Keep the middle of the slice. Cut any grass or other plants off the top.
5. Repeat 8 to 10 times in the area. Mix the samples together in a plastic bucket.

Where to bring your sample

1. MU Extension – St Louis County
   10650 Gateway Blvd.
   Creve Coeur, MO 63132
   314-400-2115
   M-F 8:30-4:30
   NEW ADDRESS!

2. Brightside St. Louis
   4646 Shenandoah Ave.
   St. Louis, MO 63110
   314-772-4646
   M-F 9:00-4:00

3. Gateway Greening
   2211 Washington Ave.
   St. Louis, MO 63103
   314-588-9600
   M-Th 8:00-3:30
   NEW LOCATION!

For lawns, sample to a 3-4 inch depth
Take other samples at a 6-inch depth
Break up any clods
Samples must be air-dried and thoroughly mixed.
Bring 1 pint (2 cups) in a plastic bag to one of our locations above for testing.

Questions? Call 314-400-2115