

Effective January 1, 2020, the cost for a soil test on Fields, Gardens and Lawns in Ozark County is \$25.

*Our costs have gone up — and the value of a soil test has increased too —
The Ozark County Extension Council authorized an increase to the cost of soil tests
at their meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

What you get ...

- The University of Missouri soil test promises exceptional test quality with more details and information than in other tests.
- In about 7 to 10 days, a soil test statement, along with a document explaining how to read it, will be sent to the address you provide.
- Tests will show pH and phosphorus levels, potassium, calcium, magnesium and organic matter and other elements when they apply to the situation where the soil test is in use. All of these tested elements are important to the growth of turf grass and various garden and farm plants.
- Each soil test done with the MU Extension office comes with **recommendations made by a trained and experienced specialist**.
- If you have questions about the results, there are MU Extension specialists who can answer questions about the soil test results **free of charge**.
- MU Extension trained Master Gardeners provide informational assistance for lawn and gardening questions year-round **free of charge**.
- The soil test report provides information on:
 - Soil test results and ratings;
 - Suggested fertilizer and limestone treatments for the lawn or field; and
 - Fertility management practices or concerns.

“With fertilizer prices continuing their upward trend, a soil test is the best tool available to farmers and gardeners that can help them manage their crops while leaving more money in their pockets.”

— U.S. Department of Agriculture
Economic Research Service

What you save ...

- **Having a soil test done will save fertilizer costs on your lawns or fields. your soil test will save you much more than what it costs to have done.**
- **In this area, most lawn care companies charge \$40 for a soil test.**
- **This price is a bargain when you consider the cost savings realized and the environmental importance of having a soil test done so you do not over-fertilize.**
- **Soil testing is a wonderful tool that can help you make money. It can save you money on unnecessary nutrients if your soil is already sufficient in nutrients.**
- **A soil test can increase yield by showing you that a nutrient is deficient and applying that nutrient will increase yield.**
- **Soil tests can also help save on gas costs since the test may reveal the need for less fertilizer, and therefore fewer passes on the tractor.**

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