

Soil Testing Facilities

One of the best steps to take when starting a new garden or landscape is to get your soil analyzed. A soil analysis can help diagnose plant problems, too.

Regardless of which soil lab you choose, be sure to follow carefully *their* instructions on how to take soil samples. Here are some general guidelines.

The soil sample you send should be a composite of several random samples over a given area. If there is an area that is performing poorly, or an area that contains a distinctly different kind of soil, you may want to take a composite sample from that area and have it tested separately.

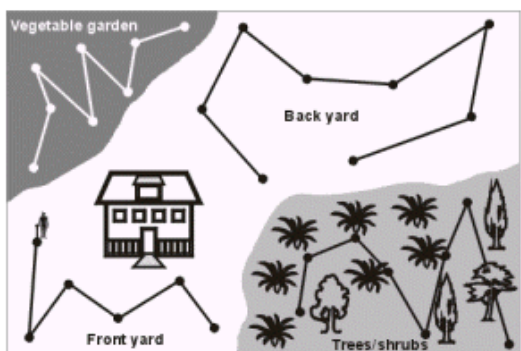


Illustration from aleastern.com

Take random samples from various areas.

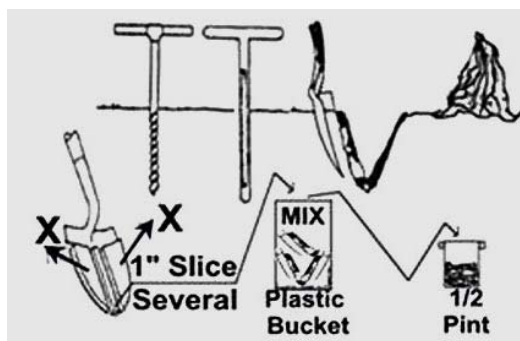


Illustration from texasplantandsoillab.com

Take a slice of soil that is 1 inch wide, representing the entire root zone of the plants growing there.

For example:

Lawns – 4 to 6 inches deep

Gardens – 6 to 12 inches deep

Soil Testing Facilities:

1. **Logan Labs** – www.loganlabs.com

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2. **Control Laboratories** – controllabwatsonvilleca.com

42 Hangar Way

Watsonville, CA 95076

831-724-5422

3. **Texas Plant and Soil Lab** – www.tpslab.com/

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