

Red Hen Turf Farm's Soil Test Instructions and Pricing (Regional Area Only)



This soil testing procedure takes very little time, and it will help us design your **Custom Fertilizer Program**. Soil testing is a very beneficial route to take to help understand what fertilizers your lawn needs. We do not recommend **home soil test kits** purchased from stores, because they are not as accurate.

There is no specific best time to collect soil samples but try to avoid times when the soil is excessively dry or wet. **If you have recently fertilized your lawn, it is best to wait 8 - 12 weeks after application before collecting a soil sample.** Soil samples should be re-tested once every 2-3 years.

The tools you will need for collecting a soil sample are a **soil probe, trowel, or spade**. You will also need a **plastic bucket**. (Using a metal bucket could contaminate the sample)

1. **Soil test payment is due at time of processing paperwork.** The first soil sample bag = \$26.00 plus tax. For each additional sample bag, the cost is an additional \$10 plus tax. Payment for soil-testing must be accompanied with the initial order.
2. Divide your lawn into **major areas**. Front yard, back yard, and large side yards are usually major areas. You'll need to prepare a **Soil Sample Bag** for each major area you want to test.
3. **On each Soil Sample Bag before you fill it:**
 - a. Fill in your **Name** where it states "Grower/Client" or "Farm/Site" whichever is applicable.
 - b. For **Field/Area**, it is suggested you use "Front Yard" "Back Yard" or "Side Yard" or whatever is applicable.
 - c. We will fill out the rest of the soil sample bag.
4. **For each Sample Bag you'll be using**, collect at least 3 soil samples within each **major area**. (You'll end up mixing together the 3 samples from the major area.)
 - a. Collect the first sample by using your digging tool to make 2 v-cuts in the soil to remove the v-cut plug, and set the v-cut plug aside.
 - b. Sample to a depth of 4 – 6 inches. Next take a 1 inch thick slice off the backside of the hole where the v-cut plug was removed. Discard the thatch and leaves.
 - c. Put the first soil sample in a clean plastic container.
 - d. Replace the v-cut plug back in the hole.
 - e. Gather 2 more samples in the same manner, then mix the 3 collected soil samples in the plastic container.
 - f. From the plastic container, fill the labeled **Soil Sample Bag** to the indicated level and discard the rest.
5. Return your sample bag(s) to Red Hen Turf Farm.
6. Within about 2 - 3 weeks, Red Hen Turf will receive the lab's **detailed analysis**. At that time, we will mail or email your results to you with any recommendations we may have. You can always contact us with any questions.

PLEASE FILL OUT INFORMATION FORM ON BACK SIDE WHEN TURNING IN SAMPLES.



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Red Hen Turf Farm's SOIL TESTING Customer Information Form

Payment Due Upon Dropoff of Soil Samples

Circle Sample Area(s): Front Back Side Other _____ Today's Date _____
Please make sure you write your name under Grower/Client on soil bag AND what area the soil came from under Field/Area. We will fill out the rest.

CUSTOMER: _____ Address _____

CITY/State/Zip: _____ PHONE: _____

Email (So we can email you the Results): _____

Size of yard (in Square Feet) you wish to fertilize or repair:

Lawn Issues/Why are you requesting a soil sample and what would you like to achieve?

Current Fertilizer Schedule (how often do you fertilize, when and what product do you currently use?)

Do you have in-ground irrigation system? Y or N If No, do you use sprinklers, hoses or let mother nature take care of your lawn? Also note at which height you mow your lawn.

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Date Soil Sample(s) Received by Red Hen: _____

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____ (Circle One) Cash Credit Card Check # _____

Invoice # _____ Sq. Feet for Red Hen Recommendations: _____

# OF BAGS	AMOUNT
1	\$26.00, plus Tax = \$27.82
2	\$36.00, plus Tax = \$38.52
3	\$46.00, plus Tax = \$49.22
4	\$56.00, plus Tax = \$59.92
5	\$66.00, plus Tax = \$70.62
6	\$76.00, plus Tax = \$81.32

Follow up/Recommendations/Fertilizer Schedule: _____

