

Test your Soil

Autumn is an Ideal Time



Get a jump on spring. Do a soil test in the autumn.

September is a great time to find out what nutrients your soil needs for the next growing season. Why?

1. You'll avoid the usual 2-week wait of spring soil tests.
2. You can use the recommendations to calculate quantities & purchase the soil amendments you'll need.
3. Ta DA! You have your supplies ready to apply with no delay in the spring.

Here's how to collect a sample.

Collect representative samples of your soil from several areas in the garden/field in a clean container. Mix well. Then extract 2 cups and place in a labeled *Ziploc* bag or a bag provided by your lab of choice. Be sure to state on the written form that you want recommendations for non-certified organic or sustainable growing. If you can, specify which organic fertilizers for NPK you'll be using. (This website gives you a list of organic amendments available in South Central Alaska area.)

For a list of labs I recommend, see OG [Soil Test Labs](#)



Different areas have different soil types and thus require separate soil sampling.