

SOIL TESTING CAMPAIGN SAMPLE INFORMATION FORM

Please submit this completed form and payment with samples. Mark each sample bag with your sample identification and ensure that it corresponds with the sample identification written on this form. For additional instructions, see back side of this form.

(PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

SUBMITTAL AND INVOICE INFORMATION: This information will be used for all official invoicing and communication.

Name _____ County where sampled _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check county where dropped off:
 _____ Brazoria _____ Jefferson
 _____ Chambers _____ Orange
 _____ Galveston
 _____ Harris _____ other dropoff

Payment (DO NOT SEND CASH)
 Check
 Money Order
 Amount Paid \$ _____
 Make Checks Payable to: **Soil Testing Laboratory**

SAMPLE I.D.		SAMPLE INFORMATION (Required)				(See options list below)	
Laboratory # (For Lab Use)	Your Sample I.D.	SQFT Represented	Tidal Surge ----- Flooding	Depth ----- Flooding	Damage ----- Analyses	Requested analyses	What are you growing? (Use common names)
Example	Front yard	2000	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <24 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes >24 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes-unsure	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> <2 feet <input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 feet <input type="checkbox"/> >4 feet	<input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> light <input type="checkbox"/> mod. <input type="checkbox"/> major	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Bermudagrass Lawn
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Have you soil tested in the past 3 years? yes no

Hurricane IKE Urban Soil Recovery Testing Campaign

Discounted pricing is only available for urban soil samples through above listed County Extension Service offices. All samples must be routed through these offices or designated businesses. Please fill in all information requested and illustrated in the example line. Results will be distributed by the individual County Extension Offices or designated dropoff locations. Samples submitted on this form but not routed through these County Extension Offices will not be granted the reduced fee schedule. **Samples received by the laboratory after 12/10/2008 will be processed after the New Year.**

Pricing valid from 11/12-12/31, 2008.

1. Routine Analysis (R) \$6 per sample
(pH, NO3-N, Conductivity and Mehlich III by ICP P, K, Ca, Mg, Na, and S)
Results will be returned to county Extension Service offices for distribution.

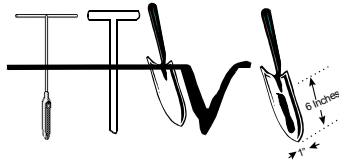
TAKING A SOIL SAMPLE FOR FERTILIZER AND SOIL REMEDIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Where to sample

- A soil sample should represent a given area of your lawn or garden that is treated or used similarly (for example, front yard, back yard, planting bed, garden and etc.).
- Sample areas separately if you observe distinct differences in slope, soil texture (for example sandy areas verses clayey) or water drainage.
- Areas where surge water drained slower or ponded and evaporated should be samples and submitted as individual samples.
- Avoid sampling in heavy mulched areas around the base of trees.
- Avoid areas where debris and other materials have collected but yet removed. These areas pose both personal hazards and obstacles which make collecting a good soil sample difficult.

Collecting a soil sample

- Using a trowel or similar tool, scrape away any non-decomposed plant tissue and materials. If you can destint what it once was, it's not soil and should be discarded.
- Next, cut a core or divot 6 inches deep into the soil and place soil in a clean plastic container. Repeat this step 8 to 10 times in the lawn area or garden which is being considered for testing. Soil sampling probes are sold by some garden centers and are a valuable tools for repeated samplings.



- Develop a map showing the locations of your subsamples and composited samples. This will come in handy after you get your sample results back.
- Mix all collected soil thoroughly, removing any roots or other visible plant materials and place 2-3 cups of soil in a quart-sized freezer re-sealable plastic bag or soil sample bag provided by the laboratory (either bag will serve well). This sample is now referred to as a composited sample. Air-dry soil if sample feels wet to the touch.
- Label the bag with a permanent marker, using the sample ID as listed on the front of this form.

Filling out the Front Page

- Complete the information form on the front page (this information is required for you to receive fertilizer recommendations that are based on your soil test results). Incomplete information (e.g., lack of name, address, what you are growing information and etc.) may result in delay of testing or receipt of results.
- Please provide all the information possible regarding tidal surge flooding. This information is requested in order for Texas AgriLife Extension Service to gain a better understanding of the impact of tidal waters on residential landscapes.
- Please include payment with the sample(s). Please note that the **price is per sample**. Send check or money order made out to Soil Testing Laboratory. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- Deliver the sample bag, completed submittal form, and your check or money order to the County Extension Service Office or their designated business dropoff point listed on the front of this form.