**Soil tests offered**

Soil tests are being offered at the mandated cost of $6 through Texas A&M University for people who live in areas affected by Hurricane Ike. Those who have agreed to send up as much drop-off or mail-in sample to the following:

- **Lyons Landscape & Water Garden Center**
  2502 Pear Orchard Road
  League City, TX 77573
  979-692-4651
  Gina Gelpi
  Texas City Feed & Supply
  2001 Texas Ave.
  Texas City, TX 77590
  409-947-7371
  Lorna J. Schaper
  Thibodaux Feed & Supply
  1201 state Highway 6
  Santa Fe, TX 77510-7624
  409-925-2735
  Richard Thibou
  Thibodaux Nursery & Landscaping
  2014 Rice
  Galveston, TX 77550
  409-763-4214
  Cary and Peggy Cornelius

**One the Web**

http://agri-horticulture.tamu.edu/ galveston/

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**Soil testing campaign set to begin Nov. 12**

The Daily News

DICKINSON — Many people, looking at badly injured plants that were smashed during Hurricane Ike, are tempted to perk them up with fertilizer. That’s the wrong thing to do.

Experts agree that the first thing to do for an extended period is unquestionably the cause. The question for widespread leaf burn (some times referred to as necrosis).

In our opinion, mature trees and other specimen plants stand an excellent chance of recovering. Fender, herbaceous annuals and perennials will have a more difficult time but might also survive. Ultimately, this will be a judgment call, but it is important to understand the facts before determining the fate of damaged landscape plant materials.

**What were the causes?**

Lose foliage, mature live oaks, palms, and bougainvillea — few oleanders, have been severely damaged or destroyed. Midwest salt water deposits in the esplanade on Broadway in Galveston. The damage caused by the salt water swamped during Hurricane Ike, are usually observed on leaf tips and margins. These salts can occur naturally in the soil by fertilization, water, from excessive fertilizer applications or, in this case, from widespread flooding. Add to this situation the moisture loss associated with hurricane force winds, and you now have high-impact conditions for widespread leaf burn (some times referred to as necrosis).

In addition to foliar damage, mature trees, shrubs, and other specimen plants are largely responsible for excessive salt levels. Salts are notoriou...

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**Gas Prices**

**Average local price**

2.14

**Local stations**

- Galveston
- Kemah
- La Marque
- League City
- Texas City
- Dickinson

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**City Meetings**

**Thursday**

6:30 p.m. Sanurh Community Development Board, city hall, 1111 state Highway 16, 281-954-1011.

**Monday**

6 p.m. La Marque City Council, council chambers, 1109B City Council, city hall, 1111 Bayou, 409-938-9203.

**Nov. 12**

2:30 p.m. La Marque City Council Planning and Zoning Commission, city hall, 1111 Bayou, 409-938-8245, (only 2nd Wed. of month)

3:30 p.m. La Marque City Planning and Zoning Commission, city hall, 1111 Bayou, 409-938-8245, (only 3rd Wed.)

E-mail city council: Marcia and Peggy Cornelius, angela. cornelius@galva.com.