Soil testing provides a starting place for a soil improvement program for the home gardener. Unless you know what is already in your soil, you are only guessing when you apply fertilizer.

Use a soil probe, spade, or shovel to sample the soil profile to a depth of 6 inches.

It is recommended to **take several samples (12 to 15)** around the area in question, then mix these together in a clean bucket or pail. This will give a representative sample of the entire area. From the bucket or pail, select **2 cups of soil**. You may use any clean container to bring samples to the office.

If you suspect a particular area is extremely different than the rest, or if you have a problem area, include that area as a separate sample. Be sure to label the sample as such.

We will send the sample to the Soil Testing Laboratory at Oklahoma State University. We will make recommendations on the amounts of fertilizer to use and other soil amendments.

It is important that fertilizers be used in correct amounts and that they be applied in the proper manner. The **cost for each sample is $10.00** and is due when the soil is brought in. The results will be mailed to you in approximately two weeks.