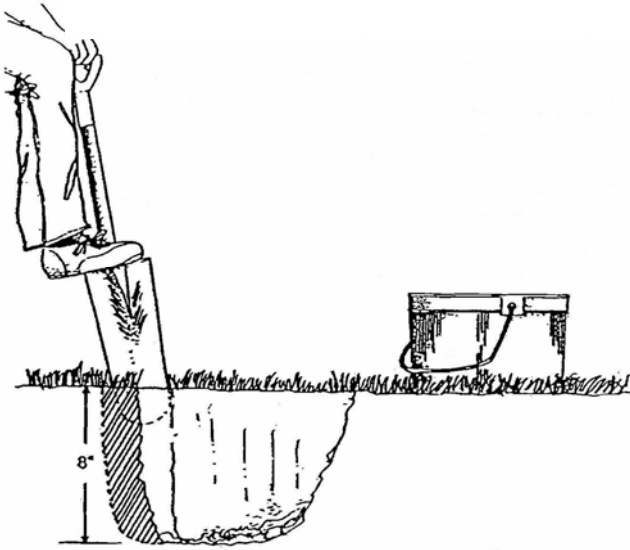


Procedure for Taking a Soil Test



1. Use a soil probe or shovel to sample the soil profile to a depth of 3 inches for lawns, 6 inches for vegetables or annual flowers.

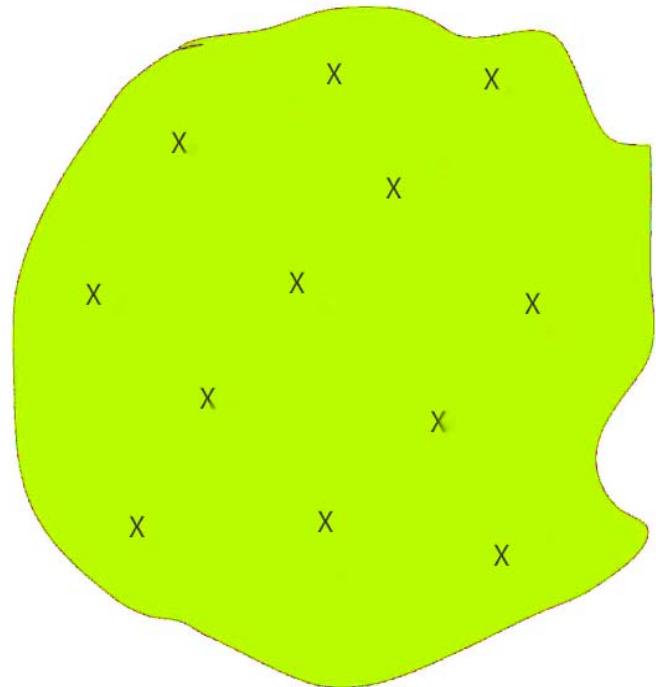
2. Take at least 8 samples from the garden area, then mix the samples in a clean bucket for a representative sample of the area. Bring separate samples for lawns, vegetables, flower beds etc.

Soil must be DRY! Do Not bring wet soil to the Extension Office.

3. Bring in no less than 2 cups (one pint) of the mixture in a plastic bag to the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 21st & Ridge Rd. Label each bag with your name, the intended crop and other pertinent information.

4. Samples are sent to K-State for analysis. A County Extension Agent will write the recommendations and mail the results in about 2 weeks.

Cost: \$18/ sample (the collection of 8 or more samples from that area) Horticulture tests for nitrogen, phosphorus & potassium; pH & organic matter levels



Dig 3 inches deep for lawns and 6 inches deep for vegetable or annual flower beds. Take soil samples from 8 different areas in the yard or garden.