Soil Testing

A soil test is always a good idea.

They are processed by the Rutgers Soil Test Laboratory, a state-of-the-art lab on Rutgers campus.

https://njaes.rutgers.edu/soil-testing-lab/

Soil Test Kits

Cost $20 Cash or Check accepted, a receipt must be given.

Online or Phone Requests - direct client to the links below.

Questionnaire must be included with any direct mail samples along with the appropriate fee.

https://njaes.rutgers.edu/soil-testing-lab/pdfs/home/Home_and_Landscape_-_Soil_Test_Questionnaire.pdf

Use instructions below to ensure best sample.

https://njaes.rutgers.edu/soil-testing-lab/pdfs/home/Home_and_Landscape_-_Soil_Sampling_Instructions.pdf

In Person

1. Fill out a Helpline Form and process as usual.

2. Collect the $20 fee, CASH or CHECK is accepted. Check payable to **Rutgers the State University**. Give payment to Joelle Ginter or Dana Thompson.

3. Write a receipt detailing bag number, whether check or cash, check number, (if appropriate) date, buyer's name, and your name.

4. Record the sale in the Soil Test Binder - Date/Bag Number/ Township/ Payment type.

5. Pull out the instructions from inside the kit and show client where to indicate the area to be tested. Form is 2 sided, all information should be filled out.

6. Give client kit and instructions, mention that there is a poly bag inside for sample and that postage is required, and that the bag is mail approved.

7. Tell client results take approximately 2 weeks (longer at peak gardening times) and will come by email to client if an email is provided, or by mail, and to Justine.

8. Inform client that they may call Rutgers Cooperative Extension for help interpreting the results, and that the number will be on the results they receive.

pH Soil Test. Cost $5 Cash or Check accepted, a receipt must be given.

pH tests are conducted by the Agricultural Agent Meredith Melendez in the extension office at.

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At least 1 cup of soil needed.
Soil should be taken close to the root zone of the planting area.
Take soil from 6 areas, combine, and use 1 cup of the mix.

1. Fill out a Helpline Form and process as usual.

2. Collect the $5 fee, CASH or CHECK is accepted. Check payable to **Rutgers the State University**. Give payment to Joelle Ginter or Dana Thompson.

3. Fill out the pH soil test form completely.

4. Attach form to the soil sample container.

5. Give sample to Meredith Melendez or place in marked basket at laboratory door, next door to Meredith's office.

6. Results are communicated within 2-3 days depending on Meredith's schedule.

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