SOIL SERVICES REQUESTED:  
- Routine soil check
- Nitrogen
- Phosphorus
- Potassium
- pH
- Soluble salt
- Organic matter
- Sulfur
- Zinc
- Iron
- Copper
- Manganese
- Chloride
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Date sampled _____/_____/_____

To properly diagnose a problem or make a fertilizer recommendation, the soil should be tested for nitrate-nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, organic material, pH and salts. For current prices, please call (701) 231-8942 or speak with an extension agent. Payment should not be included with sample. Billing will occur separately.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Sample identification

This soil sample was taken from a:  
- Lawn  
- Flower garden  
- Vegetable garden  
- Other

Specific flower/vegetable for which a recommendation is requested

The sampled area receives:  
- Full sun  
- Partial sun  
- Shade

The sampled area is:  
- Well drained  
- Poorly drained
How do I take a soil sample?

1. Sample the soil from several areas (2-6) in your lawn or garden.
2. Remove non-soil (grass, thatch, leaves, plastic, etc.) layer from surface of sampling location and sample the soil to a depth of 6 inches.
3. Place the soil from each area into a bucket and mix them all together. This becomes the composite sample for your lawn or garden.
4. Place some of this soil (about 1 pint) into a soil sample bag or any type of container/bag.
5. Label the bag with your name, phone number and sample ID.
6. Fill out the Lawn and Garden Information Sheet and include with sample.

Mail sample to:

**US Postal Service:**
NDSU Soil Testing Lab
NDSU Dept. 7680
P.O. Box 6050
Fargo, ND 58108-6050

**UPS or Fed Ex, etc.:**
Soil Testing Lab
1360 Bolley Drive
Fargo, ND 58102
(this is our **physical** address)

**Additional comments**

Please note: the more information provided, the better we can diagnose the problem. Tell us in your own words as much as you can about the problem. Anything you feel may be important such as appearance of the growing plants, fruit set, or problems with the soil. Any information will aid in diagnosing the problem. PLEASE PRINT.