

Instructions for Submitting Samples:

Customer Information – Print your **name and address** in the space provided. **Check** the appropriate box as to how you wish to receive your results. Your results can be emailed or mailed through U.S. mail. Note that receiving the results by email is the quickest form in which you will receive your results. Please fill in your email if this is how you would prefer to receive your results. Leave blank if you only want the results mailed.

Payment Information – Enter your **account number** or the **amount** paid. The cost is **\$30.00 per sample**.

Indicate the **method** of payment (cash, check, or credit card) you are making. **Please make checks payable to: UW Soil Testing Lab**. Once you receive your confirmation email from the lab we can accept payment at: <https://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu/online-payment/>.

Your sample will be analyzed for pH, organic matter, available phosphorous (P) and available potassium (K). Based on the results of your test and what you told us you wish to grow in the sample area, we will tell you if you need to add nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) or potassium (K) to achieve your goal of growing these plants. We will provide you with the pH of your soil and advise you on whether you should lime your soil. We will also provide you with the percent of organic matter which is currently in your soil.

Some common additional tests are as follows: lead, soluble salts, or physical analysis. Other tests include the secondary nutrients: calcium, magnesium, or sulfur, or the micronutrients boron, manganese, and zinc.

Required Sample Size: 1-2 cups

Sample Description – **Name** your sample. In other words, describe your sample or the area in which the sample was taken so you can identify which sample corresponds to which results. (This is particularly important if several samples are submitted at the same time). Indicate the **county** in Wisconsin where the sample was taken from (this is important for us to provide recommendations). Choose the appropriate **Landscape Category** from the list which BEST describes the plants to be grown (for example, M4 for a mixed bed of annual and perennial flowers and shrubs). Only **one** landscape category per sample, please. We recommend that you provide us with different samples per landscape category.

Topsoil Samples – If sampling from a pile of topsoil, recommendations will be given assuming the entire area will be spread with at least 6 inches of new topsoil. If the entire top 6 inches will not be replaced and the new topsoil will be spread over the existing soil, take the sample after spreading.

Submitting Samples – Send your sample by U.S. mail, UPS or other delivery system OR drop your sample off at the address below. Please be sure to include this sheet.

Soil & Forage Analysis Lab
4702 University Avenue
Madison WI 53705

Phone: (608) 262-4364
Hours: 7:45 to 4:30 Monday – Friday

Results may take 14-18 days from the time we receive your sample for you to receive your results, but this may vary depending on the time of year and volume of samples received. If you do not receive your results after 4 weeks, please call. Thank you!