

Don't just ask your neighbor:



# Bring us your dirt.

**Don't guess.....Soil test!**

Michigan State University Extension Soil Testing Program

April 3... April 10...April 17...April 24

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Participating Washtenaw County Retailers

### Ace Barnes Hardware

2015 W. Stadium Blvd.  
Ann Arbor 734-665-7555

### Dexter Mill

3515 Central  
Dexter 734-426-4621

### Downtown Home & Garden

210 S. Ashley  
Ann Arbor 734-662-8122

### Farmer's Supply

122 Jackson Street  
Chelsea 734-475-1777

### \*\*Saline Town & Country

Master Gardeners available 9am - 1 pm  
773 W. Michigan Ave.  
Saline 734-429-2909

### \*\*Willis Mill

Master Gardeners available 10am - 3pm  
10200 Railroad  
Willis 734-461-1111

**Results will be mailed directly to you in time for spring planting.**

A partnership of:

MSU Extension Washtenaw County,  
MSU Soil & Plant Nutrient Laboratory,  
Washtenaw County Water Resources  
Commissioner, and the Huron River  
Watershed Council.

**MSUE Washtenaw Co. 734 997-1678**

Over-application of fertilizers wastes money, damages plants and pollutes water. **Soil testing** determines what your plants need for optimum health and growth. **It's easy!** Just follow these directions.

1. Select one of these tests: lawn, flower garden, vegetable garden or trees and shrubs. (You can get more than one test, but the samples must be collected separately.)
2. Using a clean trowel and a pail, collect ten representative soil samples from the area you're testing. (Remember, the ten samples must be from one type of landscape area in your yard, i.e. your lawn.)
3. For each sample, remove a trowel-full of soil which extends to the proper depth for your test. Depths: lawn – 3 inches; flowers and vegetables – 6 to 8; shrubs and trees 8 – 12 inches below the surface. *Do not include roots, thatch, plant materials, rocks or gravel in the sample.* Mix the ten soil samples together in the pail.
4. Place **1 cup** of the well-mixed soil in a clean plastic bag or container. Dry or damp soil is okay, but soggy soil should be allowed to air dry.
5. If you wish to test more than one area of your yard, use a clean pail and trowel to repeat steps #1–#4 for each area. **Label each bag carefully.**
6. Bring your soil sample to a participating retailer listed between **9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** along with **\$15 per sample.** Master Gardeners will be available to assist you on these days. **\*\*See side panel for Master Gardener's availability for Saline & Willis**
7. Your soil will be tested for pH, essential nutrients for the plants you intend to grow, and organic matter. *Note: this is not a test for contamination of soils.*
8. The Soil & Plant Nutrient Laboratory at MSU will be testing samples. The results will be forwarded to your local Extension Office, where agents will provide individual recommendations.