



Testing Soil for Wildlife Food Plots

Use a soil probe, spade or trowel to collect your core samples. Plugs should be taken to a depth of 6 inches. The sample should include soil from the surface to that depth. Clean out any surface residues, grass, thatch or stones.

Take a representative sample. A minimum of 12 to 15 cores per acre are required for an accurate soil test. Collect your samples in a clean container and mix thoroughly. After filling in your name and address, fill your sample bag to slightly above the fill line (2-3 cups of soil total). If testing different areas on the same property, be sure to number or label your sample bags accordingly (NW field , South of Creek etc.). Results are typically back in 10 to 12 business days. We'll be glad to go over your analysis with you to explain deficiencies and nutrient levels.

The information below can help us customize fertilizer recommendations.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Approximate acreage or square footage _____

What are you planting? _____ What is growing there now? _____

How much sunlight does the area receive? _____

Other conditions: (high-dry site, low-lying moist, poor drainage, compacted soil, newly cleared woods etc.)

McGough's, Inc.

501 Lake Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684
231-947-5900 231-947-3234 fax
info@mcgoughsinc.com