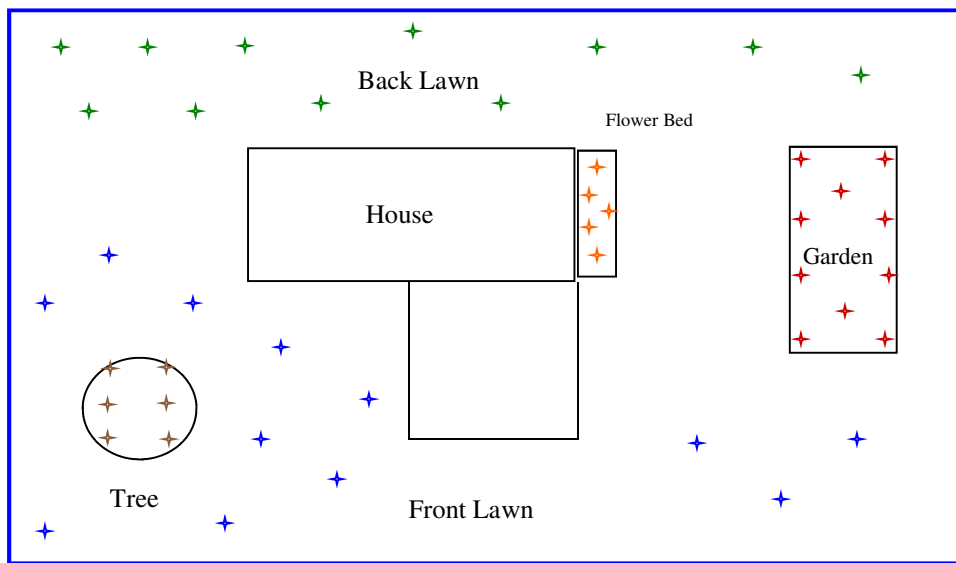


How To Take a Good Soil Sample

A soil sample must represent the area being sampled.

- ◆ Use a soil core probe, spade or trowel to take your sample. Samples from established turf should be taken to a depth of 3 inches. Other samples should be taken to a depth of 4 to 5 inches. The sample should include the soil from the surface to the depth required. Clean out any surface residues, grass, thatch or stones.
- ◆ Take a representative sample. Sample different areas of the turf, garden or landscape beds separately. A minimum of 10 to 12 cores per area sampled 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 soil sample bag to the “fill line” with your soil and return it to McGough’s.
- ◆ Be sure your container is clean; even a small amount of contamination can affect the results. Also, sample results can be inaccurate if taken within four weeks of fertilizer or lime applications.

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