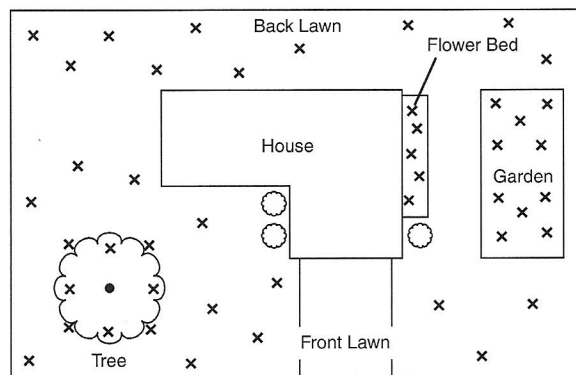


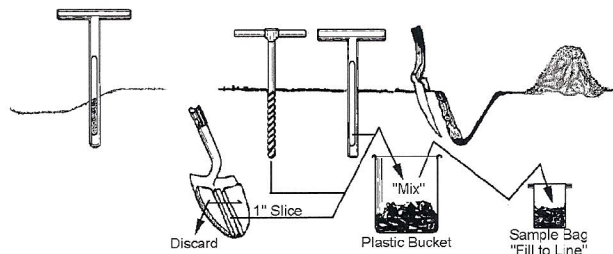
HOW TO TAKE A GOOD SOIL SAMPLE

A SOIL SAMPLE MUST REPRESENT THE AREA BEING SAMPLED!!

1. Soil Samples can be taken with a soil probe, spade or trowel. Samples from established turf should be taken to a depth of three inches. Other samples should be taken to a depth of six to eight inches. Discard any surface residues, thatch or stones.
2. 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 is required for an accurate soil test.



3. Collect the cores or slices in a clean plastic bucket and mix well. Transfer a portion (a cup or more) of the mixed sample to a soil sample bag. Avoid contamination by fertilizers and lime. Sample results may be inaccurate if samples are taken within four weeks of fertilizer or lime applications. Avoid using equipment or containers which may be contaminated with fertilizer or lime. Label the soil sample bag with a positive identification that matches the Soil Sample Information Form.



4. Complete the Spectrum Analytic Soil Sample Information Form. Enclose the soil sample bag in a proper shipping box or envelope. Place the completed Soil Sample Information Form in the box with the samples. Fasten securely and ship via UPS or Parcel Post.