

Victorian Turfgrass Consultancy Services



SOIL SAMPLING PROCEDURE.

- Take a representative sample consisting of a number of soil cores taken from within the area of concern.
- Ensure cleanliness throughout sampling procedure.
- Take **at least 30** cores to the same depth. Eg 10cm.
- Avoid handling sample with hands in hot weather (use a trowel).
- Scrape away surface debris, organic matter, thatch and tip cores of soil into a clean **plastic** bucket, mix cores thoroughly together forming a composite sample of **500grams**. Use a quartering technique of 100grams at a time for best results.
- Place this into a zip lock bag which is then placed into another zip lock bag, padded bag or envelope with your name, contact details and sample analysis required.
- Air dried soil is best for analysing.
- Try at all times to keep sample cool and away from direct sun and hot conditions i.e. back of Ute, dashboard, etc.
- Sample must be taken **3 months after liming** or **2 months after last fertiliser application**.
- Avoid sampling in waterlogged or drought conditions.
- Avoid sending samples late in the week (eg Fridays as we will not receive them till earlier the next week.)

Store them in a fridge or freezer over the weekend if need be.

Sample turnaround time is as followed:

- Soil – approx 5-7 working days.
- Plants – approx 3-7 working days.
- Water – approx 3-5 working days.

These times are based from the time we receive your sample.

Your report will provide easy to follow information, remedial actions and where required fertiliser recommendations.

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