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MSU Extension offers soil testing



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CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. – Macomb County residents who want to learn about the nutrient needs of their lawns, gardens and flower beds can submit a soil sample for testing through the “Don’t Guess... Soil Test” program offered by Macomb County MSU Extension.

Test kits will be sold from April 5-27 at participating retailers. The kits contain instructions on how to take a soil sample and a box to place the sample in.

Samples are then returned to the retailer who ships them to Michigan State University for testing. Test results and recommendations will be returned in time for spring planting.

Participating locations include:

- English Gardens, 44850 Garfield Road in Clinton Township
- English Gardens, 22501 Kelly Road in Eastpointe
- Evergreen Home & Garden Center, 36000 Groesbeck Ave. in Clinton Township
- Evergreen Home & Garden Center, 16145 E. 8 Mile Road in Eastpointe

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- Soulliere Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack in St. Clair Shores
- New Haven Farmers Elevator, 31071 Division Street in New Haven
- Washington Elevator, 7030 W. Washington in Washington Township
- ACO Hardware, all locations
- Macomb MSU Extension, 21885 Dunham Road (near entrance E) in Clinton Township

The test kits cost \$15 which includes the kit materials, shipping to and from the university, and the cost of the soil test.

All soil samples are tested for levels of pH, lime, sulfur, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and organic matter. Test results also include recommendations for fertilizer use.

Over-application of fertilizers can pollute water resources, ruin plants and waste money. Under-application can leave soils exhausted, hindering plant growth and development.

For more information, call 586-469-6430

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