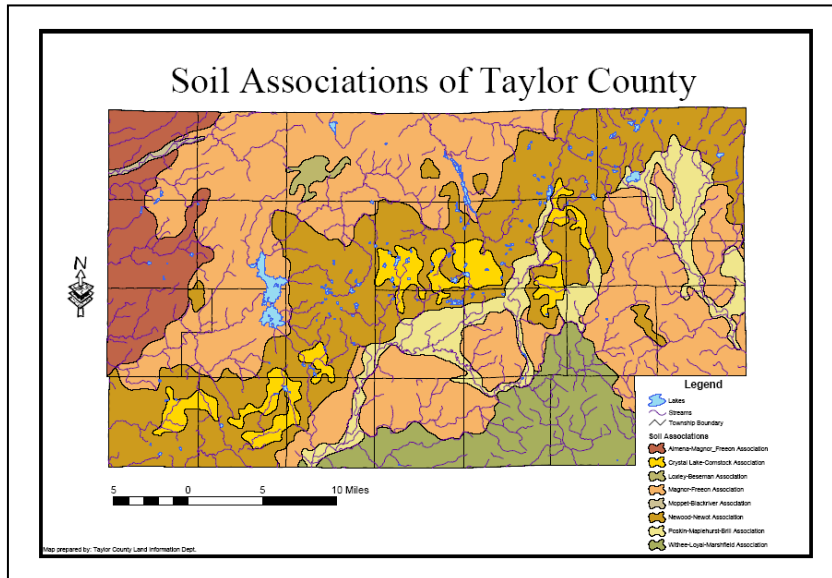


## SOIL TESTING AND INFORMATION



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### SOIL TESTING

#### Why should I test my soil?

- Know what plant nutrients may be deficient from your soil and what fertilizers to apply
- Protect our environment by not applying excess nutrients that can pollute groundwater, streams, or lakes
- Save money by purchasing and applying only the plant nutrients that you need
- Develop a nutrient management plan

#### How can I have my soil tested?

- The Taylor County Land Conservation Department offers soil sampling information and equipment, test interpretation, and nutrient recommendation assistance for a variety of uses including farm fields, home gardens, and lawns
- Local farm cooperatives and private crop consultants also offer soil sampling, testing, and information

#### How do I take a soil sample?

- For information contact the Land Conservation Department, 925 Donald St., Room 104, Medford. Phone: 748-1469.
- Two UW-Extension bulletins are available to explain how to take a good soil sample. You can access them through the web or get copies from the Land Conservation Department or UW – Extension, also located at 925 Donald St.:

For sampling your garden or lawn: Bulletin A2166, *Sampling Lawn and Garden for Soil Testing*  
<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Sampling-Garden-Soils-and-Turf-Areas-for-Testing-P370C101.aspx>

For sampling farm fields: Bulletin A2100, *Sampling Soils for Testing*  
<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Sampling-Soils-for-Testing-P183C43.aspx>

What do soil tests cost?

The current price is \$7.00 per sample for farm fields and \$15.00 per sample for gardens and lawns.

Other information about soils:

Bulletin A2305, *Organic Soil Conditioners* - <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Organic-Soil-Conditioners-P511C101.aspx>

List of UW-Extension agricultural soil publications:

Soil Testing: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Soil-Testing-C43.aspx>

Soil Fertility: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Soil-Fertility-C225.aspx>

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