# **Turf and Soil Testing Update**



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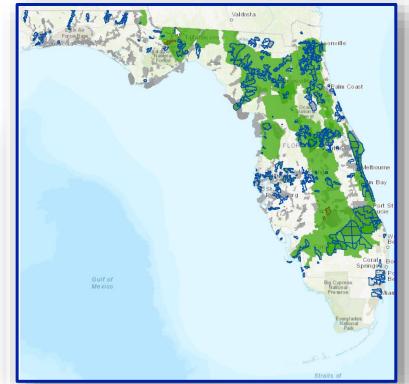
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### **The Great Debate**

- Florida's urban landscapes have been the center of much debate regarding their contribution to Florida's water quality challenges.
  - 1. Water quality concerns are valid
  - 2. People desire to have a beautiful landscape







When You're Fertilizing the Lawn, Remember, You're Not Just Fertilizing the Lawn.



You fertilize the lawn. Then it rains. The rain washes the fertilizer along the curb, into the storm drain, and directly into our waterways. The nutrients encourage algae to grow, using up oxygen that fish need to survive, resulting in fish kills. So, if you fertilize, please follow directions, and use sparingly.



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#### Fertilization of Field-Grown and Landscape Palms in Florida<sup>1</sup>

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Palms growing in Florida landscapes or field nurseries are subject to a number of potentially serious nutrient deficiencies. These deficiencies are described and illustrated in document ENH1018. Prevention and treatment of these deficiencies is the subject of this document. Chemical symbols used in this document are as follows: N=nitrogen, P=phosphorus, K=potassium, Mg=magnesium, Ca=calcium, Mn=magnese, Fe=iron, B=boron, Cu=copper, Zn=zinc.

#### **Fertilizer Formulation**

Nutrient deficiencies are more easily prevented than corrected once they occur. Correction of nutrient deficiencies can take as long as 2 or 3 years for some elements. Research at the UF/IFAS has shown that regular use of a fertilizer having an analysis (the three numbers on all fertilizer labels which refer to their N-P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-K<sub>2</sub>O content) of 8N-2P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-12K<sub>2</sub>O +4Mg with micronutrients can correct mild to moderate deficiencies and prevent their recurrence in most soil types in south and central Florida (Broschat 2015b; Broschat et al. 2008). However, not all fertilizers that have an analysis of 8N-2P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-12K<sub>2</sub>O+4Mg with micronutrients are effective and, if improperly formulated, may be worse for palm health than no fertilizer at all.

It is essential that 100% of the N, K, and Mg in such a fertilizer be in slow release form. Since Florida's soils have very low capacities to retain these elements in the root zone during periods of heavy rainfall or irrigation, the only

effective way to keep these elements readily available to plants during the 2 to 3 month interval between fertilizer applications is to use slow release sources (Broschat 1996; Broschat 1997). A water-soluble source applied one day could be completely leached out of the root zone the next day by a heavy rainfall, and the palm would receive no benefit from the application. Controlled-release fertilizers are not greatly affected by rainfall or irrigation intensity. Since they release more slowly than water-soluble fertilizers, they are also less likely to burn plant roots during periods of drought.

Unlike the macronutrients N, K, and Mg that should be in slow release form, most micronutrients need to be in a water soluble form. However, granular slow release forms of boron are safer and more effective for Florida landscape soils.

Effective sources for N include sulfur-coated urea, urea-formaldehyde, resin-coated urea, and resin-coated ammonium salts. Of all the slow-release K sources tested, sulfur-coated potassium sulfate was found to be the most effective and economical (Broschat 1996). Prilled kieserite (a more slowly soluble form of magnesium sulfate than Epsom salts) is an effective and low-cost slow release form of Mg. Coated Mg products tend to release too slowly to be effective (Broschat 1997; Broschat and Moore 2006). Slow release B sources, such as Granubor, are less affected by leaching than the water soluble B sources often used in landscape fertilizer blends (Broschat 2008). The only

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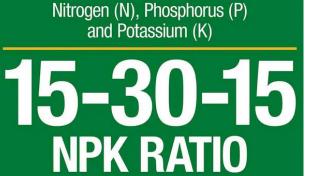
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$$\frac{1.5 \ lbs}{100 \ ft^2} = \frac{X \ lbs}{1,000 \ ft^2}; X = 15 \ lbs \ 8-2-12-4$$

$$\frac{15 \text{ lbs fertilizer}}{1,000 \text{ ft2}} X \frac{0.08 \text{ lbs N}}{1.0 \text{ lb fertilizer}} = \frac{1.2 \text{ lbs N}}{1,000 \text{ ft}^2}$$

 $\frac{1.2 \text{ lbs fertilizer}}{1,000 \text{ ft2}} X \frac{4 \text{ applications}}{\text{year}} = \frac{4.8 \text{ lbs N}}{1,000 \text{ ft}^2}_{5}$ 





Nitrogen: Promotes vigorous leaf growth and supports amino acid production, making the plant greener
 Phosphorus: Promotes root development which strengthens plant to increase bloom and fruit production
 Potassium: Helps plants fight off diseases and withstand extreme temperatures

#### No coverage information found on label.



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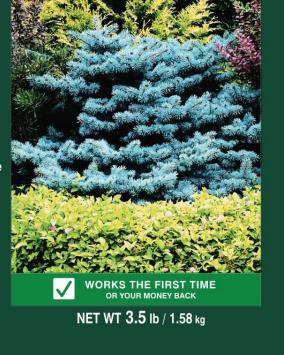


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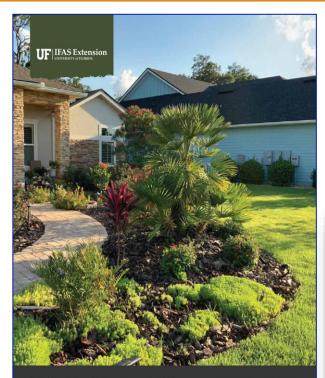


#### **PROJECT GUIDE - HOW TO USE**

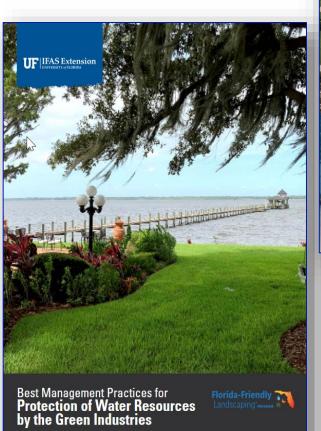
TYPES OF PLANTS	HOW MUCH TO APPLY	HOW TO APPLY	WHEN TO APPLY			
New trees & shrubs	Based on size of drip line: 2 ft - 1 tbsp 4 ft - 3 tbsp 6 ft - 7 tbsp 8 ft - 1/2 cup 16 ft - 1 cup 25 ft - 2 cups 30 ft - 2 1/2 cups	Mix evenly with the soil used to refill the planting hole or after hole is filled, sprinkle around the base of the plant, careful to avoid contact with the trunk and follage. Water thoroughly to start feeding.	For best results, feed in early spring as new leaves emerge and again in late summer.			
Established trees & shrubs	Based on size of drip line: 8 ft – 2/3 cup 16 ft – 1 1/2 cups 25 ft – 2 1/2 cups 30 ft – 3 cups	Shake evenly onto the soil surface, within the spread of the branches (drip line), careful to avoid contact with the trunk and foliage. Water thoroughly to start feeding.	For best results, feed in early spring as new leaves emerge and again in late summer.			
Container trees & shrubs	Based on size of pot: 12 in – 1 tbsp 14 in – 2 tbsp 20 in – 4 tbsp	Mix into soil at time of planting. For established plants shake evenly onto soil surface and lightly work in. Water to begin feeding.	For best results, feed in early spring as new leaves emerge and again in late summer.			
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Label Directions = 2.4 lbs N/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>/year

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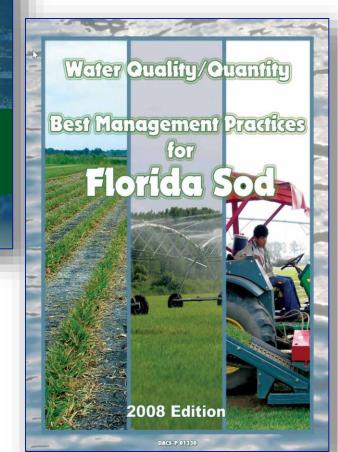
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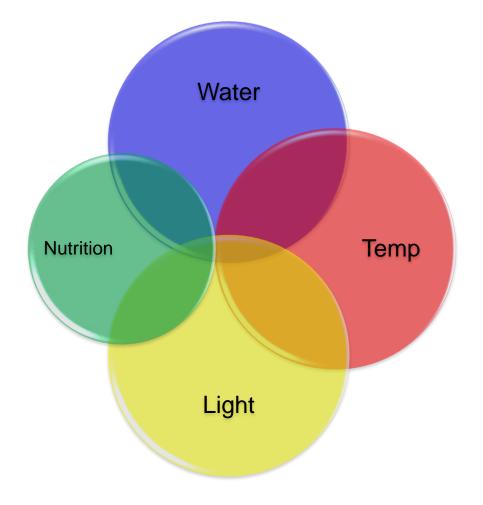
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### Water, Light, Temperature, and Nutrition

- The environment of a plant is dynamic and very complex.
  - Involves the interrelationships of soil, climate, topography, and other organisms.
- Water, light, and temperature are the drivers.





#### **Nutrition and Fertilization Best Management Practices**

• The goal of a proper nutrient management plan should be to apply the minimum necessary nutrients to achieve acceptable quality and apply these nutrients in a manner that maximizes their plant uptake.





#### PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

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19 K 39.102	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.956	22 Ti 47.9	23 V 50.942	24 Cr 51.996	25 Mn 54.938	26 Fe 55.847	27 Co 58.933	28 Ni 58.71	29 Cu 63.546	30 Zn 65.37	31 Ga 69.72	32 Ge 72.59	33 As 74.922	Se 78.96	35 Br 79.904	36 Kr 83.8
37 Rb 85.47	36 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.905	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.906	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc [97]	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.91	46 Pd 106.4	47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.4	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.69	51 Sb 121.75	52 Te 127.6	53 I 126.9	54 Xe 131.3
55 Cs 132.91	56 Ba 137.34	57* La 138.91	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.85	75 Re 186.2	76 Os 190.2	77 Ir 192.2	78 Pt 195.09	79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 TI 204.37	82 Pb 207.19	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po 210	85 At 210	86 Rn 222
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*Actinides		90 Th 232.04	91 Pa 231	92 U 238.03	93 Np 237.05	94 Pu 239.05	95 Am 241.06	96 Cm 244.06	97 Bk 249.08	98 Cf 252.08	99 Es 252.08	100 Fm 257.1	101 Md 258.1	102 No 259.1	103 Lr 262.11		

Gaseous at room temperature

### **Soil Analysis and Interpretation**

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  - Interpretation
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## **Soil Sampling Depth**

- Probably the greatest source of error.
- Proper sampling procedures involve ensuring that the soil sample accurately represents the area where the turf or landscape will be grown.
  - Soil samples should be taken from the depth in which most of the roots exist – typically the upper 4" for turf and landscape soils.





## **Soil Sampling Depth**

- Using a soil probe or garden spade, take 10 – 15 random samples from the areas in questions.
- Avoid mixing soil from healthy areas with soil from unhealthy areas as this will reduce the ability to diagnose the problem.
- Thoroughly mix the soil and place a one-pint portion in a soil sample bag.









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## **Soil Testing Procedures**

- Soil testing procedures focus on extraction or digestion of the sample.
  - The purpose of the extractant is to determine the quantity of an element that would be representative of, or correlates to, what will be available for plant uptake during that growing season.
  - The method employed is specific to the nutrients, the geographic region, and the physiographic and mineralogical nature of the sampling site.





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## **Soil Testing Procedures**

- The extractant is a chemical solution including water, acids, and certain organic chemicals that is mixed with the soil sample that was collected and sent to the testing laboratory.
  - Upon mixing, this chemical solution "extracts" nutrients that are bound to the soil.
  - After mixing, the sample's liquid portion is filtered and analyzed using laboratory analytical equipment.
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- The results of the liquid analysis are then converted to the driedsoil basis and is referred to as the soil-test index.
  - These are the values typically reported on the soil test report and they are an indication of the soil's ability to supply nutrients to the plant.





### **Soil Extractants Differ**

	Region	Soil P Extractant	
	Arid and semiarid Midwest, West, and Northwest	Olsen Am. Bicarbonate + DTPA	NaHCO <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>4</sub> HCO <sub>3</sub> + DTPA
	Humid Midwest, mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and eastern Canada	Mehlich 3 Bray 1	Acetic Acid + $NH_4NO_3$ + $NH_4F$ + Nitric Acid + EDTA HCI and $NH_4F$
	North central and Midwest	Bray 1	HCI and NH <sub>4</sub> F
	Washington and Oregon	Bray 1 for acidic soils Olsen for alkaline soils	HCI and NH <sub>4</sub> F NaHCO <sub>3</sub>
$\langle$	Southeast and mid-Atlantic	Mehlich 1 Mehlich 3	$HCI + H_2SO_4$ Acetic Acid + $NH_4NO_3 + NH_4F$ + Nitric Acid + EDTA
	Northeast (New York and parts of New England), some labs in Idaho and Washington	Morgan or modified Morgan Mehlich 3	Acetic Acid Acetic Acid + $NH_4NO_3$ + $NH_4F$ + Nitric Acid + EDTA



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These two create considerable confusion and frustration!



## **Interpretation Philosophies**

- Build up and Maintain soil nutrients should be increased to the high soil test level and then maintained based upon plant removal.
  - <u>'Feed the Soil'</u>
- Base Cation Saturation CEC should be occupied by a specific ratio of Ca, Mg, K, and H.
  - <u>'Soil Balancing'</u>
- Sufficiency Level add enough nutrients to meet plant response goals. No nutrients are added when a plant response is not expected at the given soil nutrient level.
  - <u>'Feed the Plant'</u>



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#### Landscape And Vegetable Garden Test Report

To: Josh Scott PO Box 36541 Panama City FL, 32412 Tel: (850)215-0474	For more information contact: McConnell, Julie Bay County Coop Extn Service 2728 E. 14 St								
161: (650)215-0474	Panama City FL, 32401 Tel: 850-784-6105								
Client Identification: pier 1270 Crop: Bermudagrass Lawn	Set Number:	E73616	Lab Number:	E188259					
			Report Date:	16-Dec-22					

#### Soil Test Results and Their Interpretations

 Target pH:
 6.5
 This is the pH at which the above crop will grow at its optimum

 pH (1:2 Sample:Water):
 7.2
 This is the pH of your sample in water medium

 A-E Buffer Value: N/A
 Buffer pH is the pH of your soil in Adams-Evans Buffer(A-E Buffer). This is done to determine the lime requirement, which will help increase the soil pH to the target pH is the pH of web account will be the address the soil pH to the target pH is the pH of web account will be account with a soil and the solution of the target pH is the pH of target pH of target

level desired by the crop. If the pH is higher than Target pH, Buffer pH will not be determined

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Phosphorus	(P)	62	HIGH	Sulfur	(S)	6.9	)	*For these nutrients see
Potassium	(K)	41	MEDIUM	Copper (	Cu)	0.4		directions on the
Magnesium (I	Mg)	69	HIGH	Manganese (I	VIn)	3.4	<u>۲</u>	following pages
				Zinc	(Zn)	2.2		Ionoming pages
Calcium	(Ca)	399	Ca is typically	/ adequate in Flo	rida s	oils	)	

#### Lime and Fertilizer Recommendations

 Crop:
 Bermudagrass Lawn

 Lime:
 0.00
 Ibs per 1000 sq. ft. per year
 We do not test soil for N as there is no meaningful soil test for predicting N availability. Thus, the N recommendation was developed from research that measured response of the indicated crop to applied N fertilizer. If you expect spinfcant nutrient release from organic sources such as crop residues or organic amendments, estimate the amount mineralized and subtract that

 Potassium(K20):
 1.00
 Ibs per 1000 sq. ft. per year
 amount from the fertilizer recommendations given below to arrive at crop needs.

 Magnesium(Mg):
 0.00
 Ibs per 1000 sq. ft. per year
 amount from the fertilizer recommendations given below to arrive at crop needs.

#### Caution: Your local county regulations and ordinances, if any, will supersede the recommendations made in this report. Please contact your local county extension office for further clarifications.

IMPORTANT: Please read the directions on the following page(s) carefully, if any nutrient applications are made. If you have any questions, please call the county extension agent listed above.

These interpretations and recommendations are based upon soil test results and scientific research/experience with the specified crop under Florida's growing conditions.

UF/IFAS fertilizer and lime recommendations are advisory in nature, emphasize efficient fertilizer use, and environmentally sound nutrient management without losses of yield or crop quality. It is generally assumed that the nutrients will be supplied from purchased, commercial fertilizer and that expected crop yields and quality will be typical of economically viable production. Growers should consider UF/IFAS recommendations in the context of their entire management strategy, such as return on investment in fertilizer and the benefits of applying manure or biosolids

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Prior to making any of the above recommended applications, it is important to read carefully the following footnotes and follow the directions provided on fertilizer applications, timing, doses, sources, sulfur and micronutrients, irrigation, etc.

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Sample Number: 188259

Crop: Bermudagrass Lawn

General

 For details on fertilization, obtain UF/IFAS publication SL21, "General recommendations for Fertilization of Turfgrasses on Florida Soils." The publication is available on the web at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/LH/LH01400.

pdf or from county Extension offices.

These rates are for normal, healthy lawns. These rates may be doubled in certain regions of the state for high maintenance turf.

Directions

Divide annual rates into 2 to 8 applications depending on location and management levels. Apply no more than 1.0 lb N/1000 sq. ft. per application.

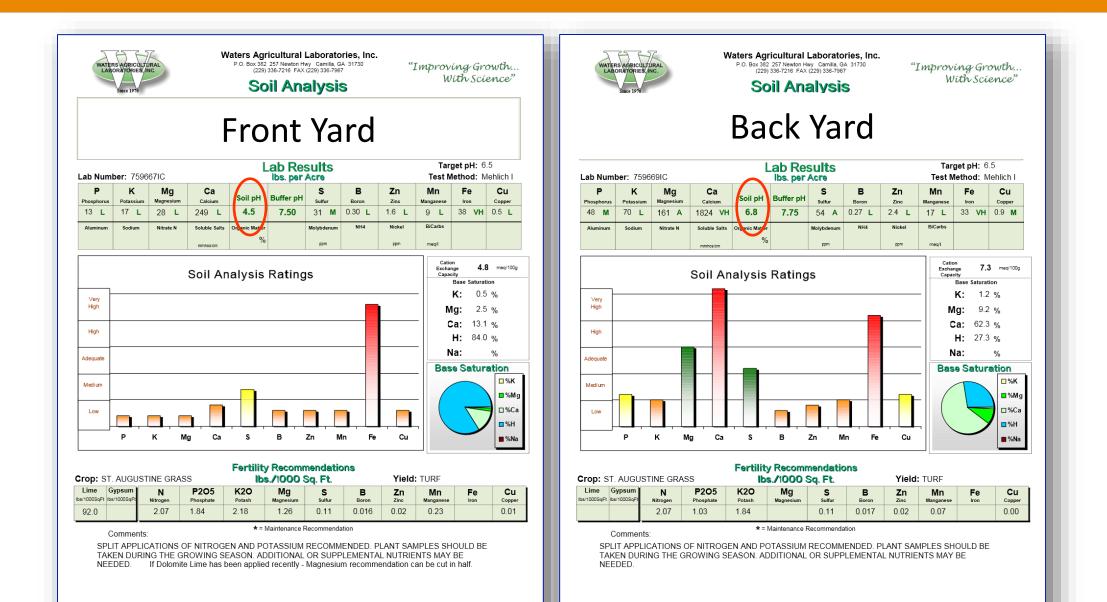
Available Phosphate: A maximum rate of 0.25 lb per 1000 sq. ft per application, not to exceed 0.5 lb per 1000 sq. ft. annually.

<u>Sulfur</u>

• Application of sulfur is not required if test value is greater than 6.0 mg/kg or ppm. If the soil test value is less than 6.0 mg/kg or ppm apply sulfur as shown below:

Fertilizer should contain 15 to 20 lb sulfur/A. Apply as a sulfate (eg. gypsum, ammonium sulfate, magnesium sulfate, potassium sulfate, potassium magnesium sulfate), since elemental sulfur will react too slowly to supply the sulfur needs of the current crop.

This data report has been issued on the authority of Dr. Rao Mylavarapu, Laboratory Director, and Mrs. Nancy Wilkinson, QA Officer, in support of Florida Cooperative Extension Service.



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## UF/IFAS Recommendations We do NOT test for soil nitrogen!!!

Table 1. Fertilization G	uidelines for Established	Turfgrass Lawns	
	Nitrogen Reco	ommendations (lbs 1,00	0 ft <sup>-2</sup> year <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>1, 2</sup>
	North Florida	Central Florida	South Florida
Bahiagrass	1.0 – 2.0	1.0 - 2.0	1.0 - 2.0
Bermudagrass	3.0 - 5.0	4.0 - 6.0	5.0 - 7.0
Centipedegrass	0.4 - 2.0	0.4 - 3.0	0.4 - 3.0
St. Augustinegrass	2.0 - 4.0	2.0 - 5.0	4.0 - 6.0
Zoysiagrass	2.0 - 3.0	2.0 - 4.0	2.5 – 4.5

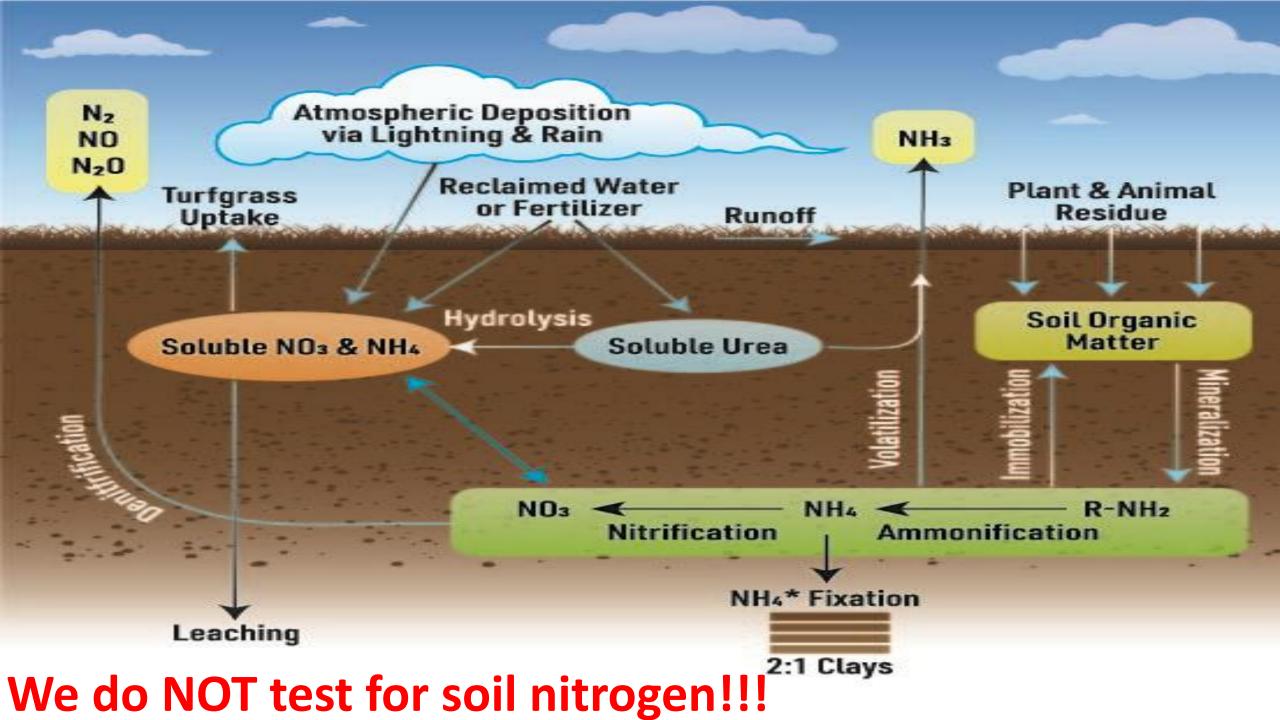
<sup>1</sup>Because homeowner preferences for lawn quality and maintenance level will vary; we recommend a range of fertility rates for each grass and location. Additionally, effects within a localized region (i.e., microenvironmental influences -- such as shade, drought, soil conditions, and irrigation) will necessitate that a range of fertility rates be used.

<sup>2</sup>These recommendations assume that grass clippings are left on the lawn.





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70										C	Organic Matter (%)			2.33	3	Ad	equate
Fertility Score										NH4	NH4 (ppm)		3.51	Nitrate (ppm			1.83
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PLANT SAMPLES SHOULD BE TAKEN DURING THE GROWING SEASON. ADDITIONAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRIENTS MAY BE NEEDED.

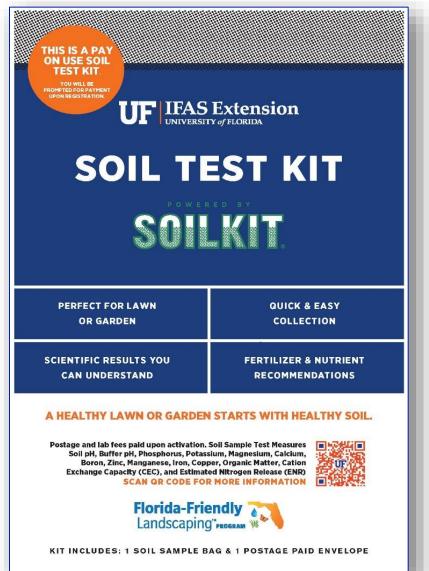
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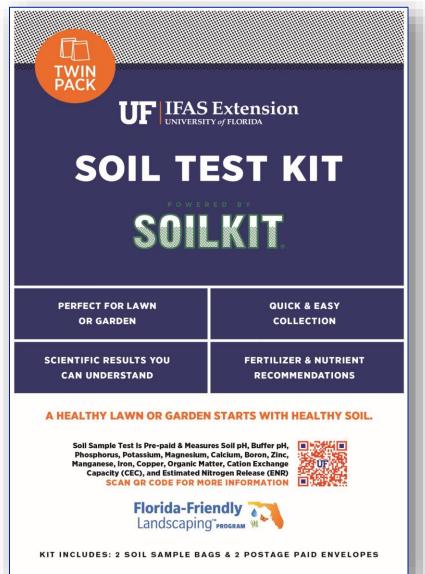
- Public/Private Partnership
- Launched February 15, 2023
- Easy-to-use soil testing platform with a consumer-friendly results interpretation online interface.



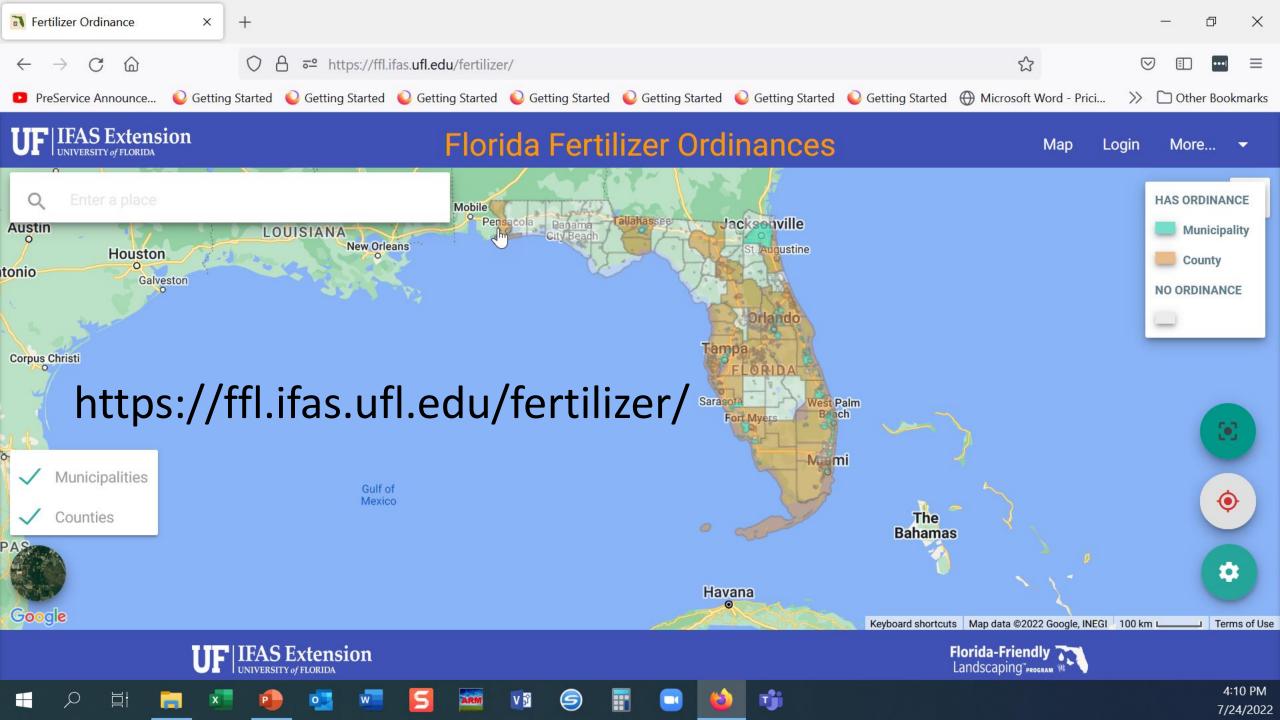


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- Provides direct linkages to UF/IFAS resources including Extension publications and websites.
- Links soil test recommendations to the Fertilizer Ordinance App data resulting in location-specific application warnings.







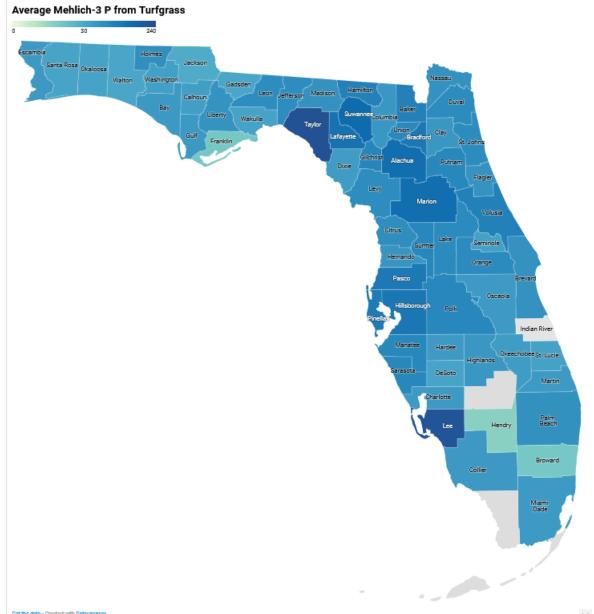
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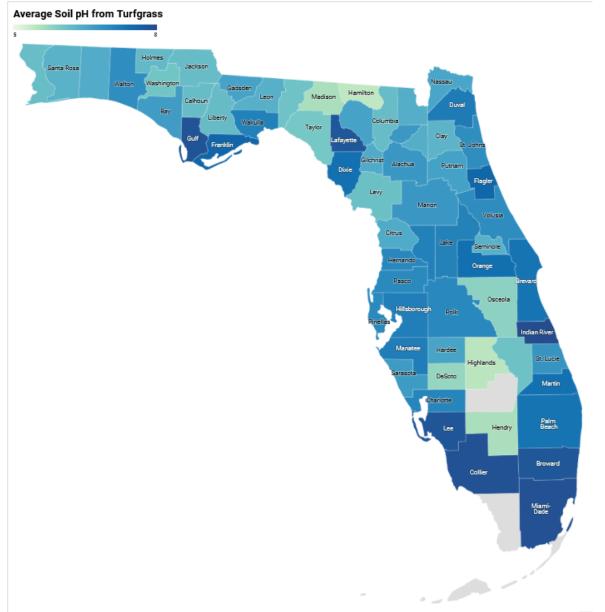


- Access to a data-sharing platform that provides useful datasets for the artificial intelligence (AI) initiative.
  - Generate improved landscape fertilizer recommendations leading to reduced

environmental impact







### **Nutrient Recommendation Guidelines**

**CHANGED!** 

- Nitrogen based on the species you are growing
- Phosphorus apply when soil test < 20 ppm</li>
- Potassium apply when soil test < 40 ppm</li>
  - Apply a 2:1 or 1:1 (N:K) fertilizer.
- Magnesium apply when soil test < 20 ppm
- Sulfur apply when soil test < 7 ppm
- ALL OTHER NUTRIENTS we do not have thresholds!





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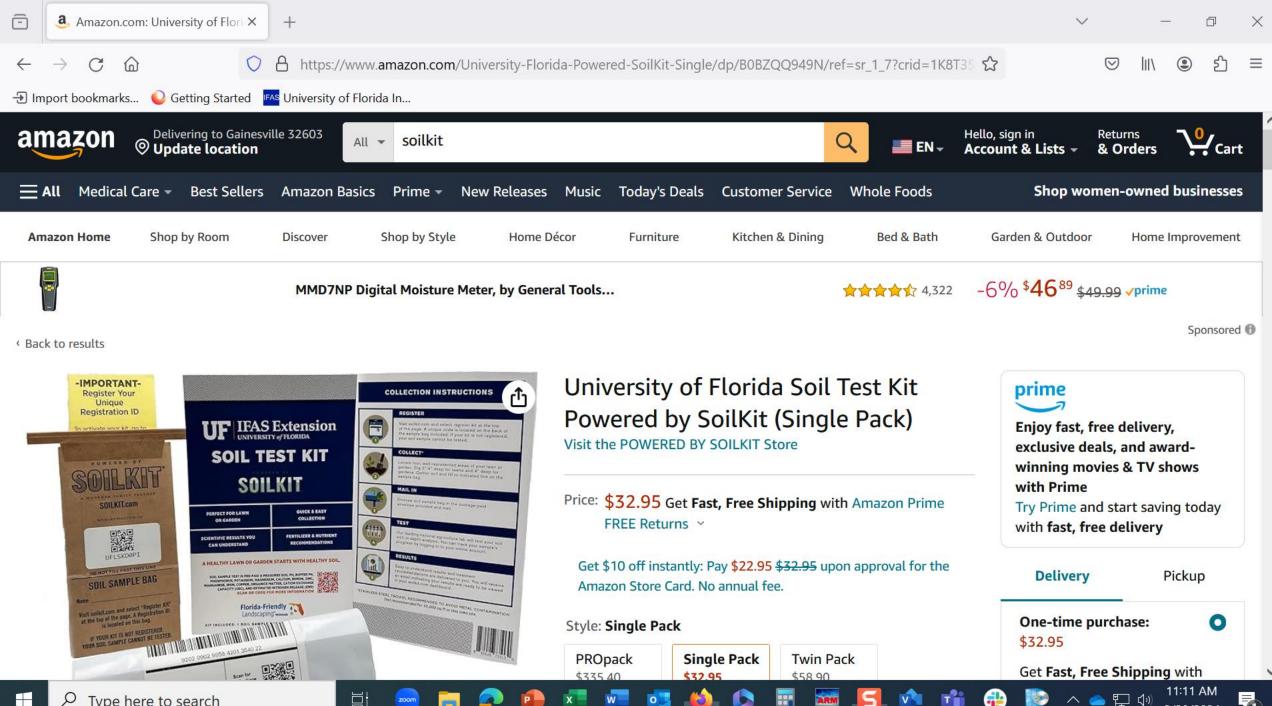
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