

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING/SHIPPING LAWN AND GARDEN SAMPLES**

**For lawn, garden, tree, and shrub samples, we suggest taking five probes of soil per sample. Each sample should consist of at least 1 cup of soil. Remove any grass or other materials and mix the cores together. Take the probes of soil from several spots throughout the area to be tested. A lawn sample should be taken at a depth of 4 inches. A garden, tree, shrub or food plot sample should be taken at a depth of 7 inches. A shovel or garden trowel works well for taking samples. Do not combine soil from different plant areas (eg. trees and grass, or grass and flower beds.)**

**Problem areas and “good” areas should be sampled separately. Include a sample from the “good” area whenever possible for comparison. We suggest sample(s) be placed in a soil sample bag or zip-lock bag and labeled clearly.**

## **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Place soil bag(s) in a sturdy box and place crumpled newspaper or similar material on top to keep sample bag(s) from moving. Place this completed order sheet along with payment type in last and seal each end of the box securely. Send to 117 E Main St., Toulon, IL 61483-0540.**