

Resources on Soil & Composting for Home Gardeners

Extension Publications on Soil:

- Careful Soil Sampling- The Key to Reliable Soil Test Information.
<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/careful-soil-sampling-the-key-to-reliable-soil-test-information>
- Soil and Water Quality. <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/soils-and-water-quality>
- Extension Gardener Handbook, Chapter 1. Soils and Plant Nutrients.
<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/1-soils-and-plant-nutrients>
- A Gardener's Guide to Soil Testing. <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/a-gardeners-guide-to-soil-testing>

Soil Testing Resources:

Soil testing kits are available from your local N.C. Cooperative Extension office.

- Find your soil test report. <http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/pals/>
- Lawn and Garden Soil Sample Form.
<http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/documents/2016HOMEOWNERSOILSAMPLESUBMISSIONSHEETAD15chw2.pdf>
- Soil Sampling Home Lawns and Gardens Brochure.
<http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/pdf/samhome.pdf>

Extension Publications on Composting:

- Home & Backyard Composting Introduction to Home Composting.
<https://composting.ces.ncsu.edu/home-composting/>
- NC State Extension Composting Portal. <https://composting.ces.ncsu.edu>
- Backyard Composting of Yard, Garden, and Food Discards.
<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/backyard-composting-of-yard-garden-and-food-discards>
- Extension Gardener Handbook, Chapter 2: Composting.
<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/2-composting>

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