

FREE SOIL SCREENING FOR LEAD

April 2024 NHDES Drop-Off Options



Option 1:

NHDES Tent at Discover Wild NH Day 11 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH Saturday, April 20, 2024 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Option 2:

Lobby Table at NHDES 29 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH Mon-Fri, April 22-26, 2024 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Results will be posted on the **NHDES APPLETREE** website within a few weeks.

Instructions for Collecting Soil Samples:

Step 1: Identify an area of interest for your soil sample.

Step 2: Collect Soil – For a large area, collect soil from 5-10 random spots in that area, and combine in a clean container. For a small area, collect soil from 3 random spots and combine in a clean container. **(See table below right for sampling depth per spot.)**

Step 3: Mix soil well in a clean container.

Step 4: Remove pebbles, rocks, and roots, and allow the soil sample to air dry for 48 hours. **Do not use a heat source to dry the soil!**

Step 5: Transfer 1 -2 cups of the mixed soil into a clean one-quart clear plastic bag. Limit of 3 sample bags/person.

Watch Our Video Instructions!



Area of Interest	Sampling Depth (inches)
Garden Area	Collect all soil from surface to 6-8 inches deep
Play Area	Collect all soil from surface to 1-2 inches deep



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