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Why Soil Tests are important...

"My lawn doesn't look any better after I have it fertilized."

"Every time I plant something in this area it dies."

If these comments sound familiar, then you may need a soil test. Lawn care programs and plant/shrub programs are carefully designed to deliver predetermined amounts of nutrients to your soil at specific times during the growing season. If your soil pH or nutrient balance falls outside an acceptable range, some of these nutrients won't be absorbed by the roots and used by the grass or plant.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

SOIL TEST REPORT FOR: _____

ADDITIONAL COPY TO: _____

DATE	LAB #	SERIAL #	COUNTY	ACRES	FIELD ID
05/10/2010	505-00116	00507	York		Field B

SOIL NUTRIENT LEVELS	Below Optimum	Optimum	Above Optimum
Soil pH	5.6		
Phosphorus	62	0000	
Potassium	177	0000	

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR: *Maintain Above Field* *Restock Biopress*

- Limestone: NONE
- Nitrogen: 3-5 lb/1000 square feet
- Phosphate (P₂O₅): NONE
- Potash (K₂O): 2 lb/1000 square feet

An inexpensive soil test provides a detailed analysis from Penn State, and takes only about 3 weeks to get your specific report. The analysis will provide recommendations if needed to balance your pH, phosphorus and potassium.

For more details, please visit:
<http://blog.tomlinsonbomberger.com/>

TBLL Takes The Lead in Banning Cell Phone Use While Driving!

Tomlinson Bomberger has decided to *not* wait for Pennsylvania to outlaw holding a cell phone while driving, and has enacted our own ban. TBLL employees are no longer allowed to use their cell phone while driving unless they have a hands-free option. They will pull their vehicle over when it is safe to do so to use their cell phone.



Please be patient if we are not able to answer your calls to our cell phones as quickly as we did in the past.

How much water does my lawn need?

Most lawns in Pennsylvania thrive with between 3/4" to 2" of water per week to maintain their green color and active growth.

Things you should be aware of:

- WHEN** should I water? Early in the day. The grass will drink what it needs, and the rest will evaporate during the day. Watering during the heat of the day causes excessive evaporation. Watering at night potentially allows diseases to adhere to your lawn.
- HOW MUCH** do I water? A rain gauge can help you keep track of how much the lawn has received. The guide is at least 3/4" to 1" per week. However, your lawn is not going to die if it doesn't get it. Don't water if rain is expected. Over-watering can inhibit proper root growth as the grass roots are searching above instead of below for water. Over-watering can also promote weed growth.
- How do I know **HOW MUCH I HAVE WATERED**? Try an empty tuna can! Place it halfway between the sprinkler and the end of the watering reach. When it fills up, you can stop watering!
- What is your **SUMMER PLAN**? The first few hot days of summer do not automatically mean you have to run out and water your lawn. Allowing your lawn to undergo some mild drought stress actually increases rooting as the roots go deeper in search of water. But you should decide that you are either going to water regularly throughout the summer, or you are going to let your lawn go dormant by not watering. The grass does NOT die when you let it go dormant. It just doesn't look lush and green. Letting your lawn dry out, then watering, then letting it dry out, then watering, etc. is not good for the health of your lawn. So pick which way you are going to treat your lawn this summer, and stick to it.



Need a Summer Spruce Up?

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- Bed, mulch and weed clean-up
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**SAVE A TREE.
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Two of our customers are going to win a beautiful **Tamukeyama Japanese Maple** installed on their property for **FREE** and it could be **YOU!**

All you need to do to register to WIN is to CALL or EMAIL us.

Tomlinson Bomberger is trying to update our customer records. We want to know your email address, or know if you *don't* have one. As some of you are already aware, we are trying to do more things electronically because it reduces our paper and postage costs, it helps save trees, it helps us be more environmentally friendly, and it helps us keep control of our prices to you.

- If you call us and tell us you *don't* have an email address, we will make note of that, and then enter you in our drawing.
- If you call us and *tell* us your email address, we will make note of that, and then enter you in our drawing.
- If you send an email to us at info@tbll.com from the email address you want us to have on record, and include your name and address (so we know it is you), you will then be entered in our drawing.

The winners will receive a #10 container, Tamukeyama Japanese Maple with 36-42" spread (or equivalent value tree) installed this Fall. Winners will be drawn August 16, 2010 and notified immediately. So please contact us with your information.

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