

Free Soil Testing May 12—June 26

The Environmental Quality Testing Laboratory of the of the University of the District of Columbia, is launching a second trial of soil quality testing for DC residents. The **free** service will be offered on a first come, first served basis for a *limited* time throughout **May 11 - June 26, 2015** as part of a USDA-grant, funded to analyze soil samples in home and community gardens around D.C.

The purpose of this normally costly service is to inform gardeners about the quality of their soil in terms environmental trace metals and essential elements. If you are interested, please complete the following steps:

1. Complete the application form [here](#).
2. Collect your soil sample by following the [guidelines](#). Samples that do not follow proper procedure will not be accepted.
3. Hand deliver the sample to the EQTL Lab, Building 42, Room 110, on the Van Ness campus, **Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**, or by appointment.

Please note that we can only accept one composite sample per home garden or individual community garden plot. Please ensure the sample is not too wet to process (due to rain or watering the previous day).

The DC Water Resources Research Institute is housed under the UDC Center for Sustainable Development, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences. Funded by USGS, the Institute provides seed grants to innovative water-related projects that identify problems of and contribute solutions to DC water issues.

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