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Soil Testing

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Homeowners soon may want to send soil samples to the Soil Testing Laboratory at the University's St. Paul Campus.

University of Minnesota Soil Scientist Janis Grava says a soil test is the best guide to lawn and garden fertilizer needs. A computer program is designed to accommodate plant needs for nutrients while attempting to avoid waste and pollution through excessive fertilizer use.

Soil samples can be mailed by parcel post or delivered in person to the Soil Testing Laboratory, Soil Science Building, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 55108.

Sampling instructions and sample boxes can be obtained from the laboratory by telephoning (612) 373-1060 or from county extension offices. There is a minimal fee.

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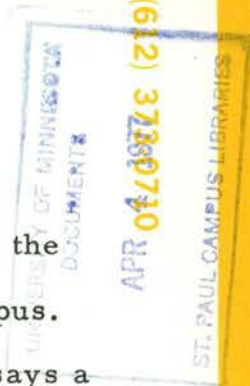
Cool Season Crops

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Immediately after your garden is prepared, sow the early, cool-season crops.

Head lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and onions can be set in the garden as soon as the soil is prepared. Wait until danger from frost has passed, usually after May 30th, before planting tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and similar vegetables.

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